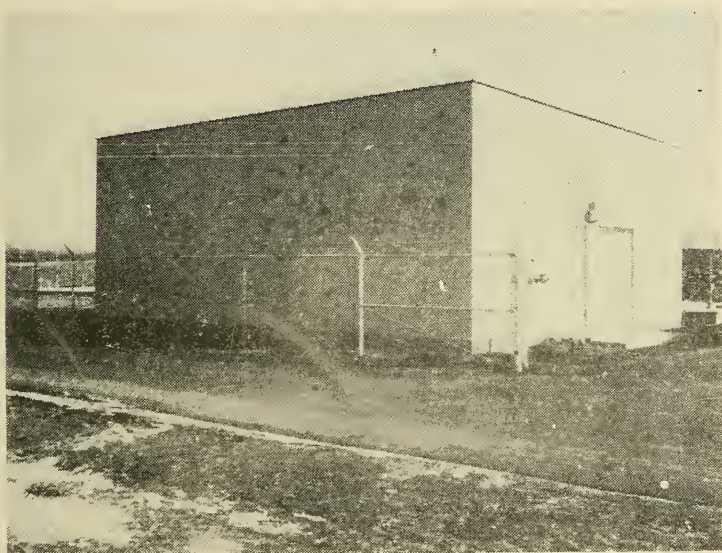


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Town Telephone Directory

Town Office 788-2306 – 788-3391

Town Manager	Donald E. Crane	788-3391
Town Clerk and Treasurer,	Dorothy H. Wilson	788-2306
Town Accountant and Water Collector,	Donna P. Young	788-3391
Information on zoning and		
building permits		788-3391
Public Health Nursing Service		788-2366
Col. Town Community Center		788-3321
School Department, Lancaster		788-4924
Supervising Principal, W.M.R.S.D.		837-2553
Supt. of School Office		837-2553
Weeks Memorial Hospital		788-4911
Weeks Memorial Library		788-3352

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police Department	788-4402
Fire Department	788-4830
Civil Defense	788-3391
Ambulance	788-4911

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Directory of Officials

Elected Officials

Selectmen	Term Expires
Earle K. Amadon	1974
Charles T. Bennett	1975
Richard Martin	1976
Moderator	
Dana H. Lee	1974
Town Clerk and Treasurer	
Dorothy H. Willson	1975
Supervisors of Check List	
Robert C. Rich	1974
Wilbur M. Schurman	1976
Agnes Moody	1978
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Daniel J. Truland	1974
Dennis Merrow	1975
Laurance Bryan	1976
Library Trustees	
James B. Fitch, Treasurer	1974
Harold Mountain	1976
Grace M. Lee	1976
Col. Town Investment Committee	
Robert V. Johnson	John Olson
James Fitch	Raymond Carr
Hugh Galbraith	Robert Hall
Raymond W. McCaig	
Col. Town Spending Committee	
J. Edward Perreault	1974
Nathalie Wheeler	1974
Charles T. Bennett	1974
Clifford A. Rowe	1975
Grace M. Lee	1975
Howard R. Piche	1975
Carl Yunghans	1976
Ellen Moody	1976
Joyce F. Hall	1976

Emmons Smith Fund Committee	Term Expires
Mary B. Smith	1974
Elmer Henson	1975
Jean Foss	1976

Budget Committee	
Clifford A. Rowe	1974
Maynard G. White	1974
Laurance Bryan	1971
Lee Eastman	1975
Everett W. Rexford	1975
Edna Whyte	1975
Atty. John Gormley	1976
Howard R. Piche	1976
Randall C. Carr	1976

Representative of Budget Committee
Earle K. Amadon

Appointed

Town Manager	Overseer of Public Welfare
Tax Collector - Building Inspector	Donald E. Crane
Town Acct., Admin. Asst., Water Collector	Donna P. Young
Town Counsel	John E. Gormley
Health Officer	James A. Ferguson, M.D.
Public Health Nurse	Patricia Rogers

Zoning Board of Appeal	Term Expires
Ethel McCarten	1971
Henry Gardner	1975
Rodney Marshall	1976
J. Edward Perreault	1977
Charles Fitch	1978

Planning Board	
George Smith, Charles T. Bennett	1971
Edna Whyte, Fern Johnson	1975
Paul F. Donovan	1976
Norman Bell	1977
Willard Bean	1978

Cemetery Committee
Hugh J. Galbraith, Minnie Currier, Dorothy H. Johnson

Fire Chief
Maurice W. Lee (resigned)
Roger N. Emery, appointed

Town History Committee	
Hugh J. Galbraith	Cecile Costine
Faith Kent	Glenn S. Sheridan
Edna E. Whyte	Thelma Murphy
Raymond Carr	

Health Officer

Dr. Elwin Falkenhan

Public Health Nurse

Miss Sandra Placey, R.N.

Conservation Commission**Term Expires**

Howard K. Bartow

1974

Warren A. Bartlett

1974

Charles B. Livingstone, resigned

1974

Dolores Colbeth

1975

Marshall Patmos

1975

Harold Mountain

1976

Ellen Dennison

1976

Housing Authority

Kevin Kopp

1974

Lee E. Eastman

1975

Elmer Henson

1976

Frank H. Wallace

1977

Librarians

Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Currie

Chief of Police

Alvin L. Leonard

Water Dept. Foreman

Roger N. Emery

Highway Foreman

Arthur J. Savage

Ambulance Corp. Director

Regis P. Cronauer

Report to the Citizens

The annual report of the activities of your local government is contained herein, including some descriptive reports and the financial activities and financial condition of all departments. The contents should answer many questions, if however, some remain unanswered your inquiries are welcome.

Retain your copy for future reference and you may wish to bring it to Town Meeting for reference, particularly to follow the meeting warrant.

The Pollution Abatement Project, the new sewer system, was completed and put into use this year. All services are not yet connected but will be completed in 1974. The final audit of the project has not been conducted and until that is done the final cost to the Town will not be known, nor will the final grant figures be known. The project is running less than the estimate and bid, this is due to some changes.

New regulations controlling the use of the sewer system have been adopted as required and copies are available on request.

Another pollution abatement project underway is solid waste disposal. After July 1, 1974 the open burning dump must be discontinued, the plan is to continue at the same site by covering the waste, at least for a year.

The year ended in a budget surplus which resulted from excess revenues and unexpended balances of appropriations. The current surplus, excess of assets over current liabilities, increased from \$886.14 to \$1,361.11.

I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership, the department heads and employees for their dedication, the various committee members for their dedicated service to the community and the citizens for their cooperation.

DONALD E. CRANE
Town Manager

Lancaster Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the fifth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting from ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 a.m.) and will close not earlier than six o'clock in the afternoon (6:00 p.m.) for the reception of your ballots.

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the tax commitment of the previous year (1973) in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefor, said notes to be paid in the current municipal year from taxes collected during the current municipal year.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by tax collector's deeds.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata deductions in the amounts as estimated entitlements are reduced or to take any other action hereon. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend appropriations as follows:

Appropriation	Estimated Amount
Town Hall renovations	\$25,000
New equipment	16,000
Administration (office assistant)	2,000
Public safety (police)	<u>14,200</u>
	\$57,200

5. To see if the Town will vote to become a member of the North Country Council, so-called, organized in July of 1973, which has been designated as the Official Planning Commission

for New Hampshire Planning Region One, the area in which the Town is located; and, also, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) as the Town's share for operation of said North Country Council for one year commencing July 1, 1974.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of having a Soils Survey, so-called, of land in the Town by the Soil Conservation Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Thirty-one and 25/100 Dollars (\$4,031.25) for the purpose of assisting White Mountain Community Services in the maintenance of a mental health program in this area. (By petition to the Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of assisting Alpha House, so-called, in its work with male youth in this area.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of installing culverts in Indian Brook as needed in connection with stream improvements therein by the Soil Conservation Service; and, for this purpose, to authorize the Selectmen to borrow by the issue of serial notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, being known as the Municipal Finance Act, and any amendment thereto, the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00); and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment and the rate of interest on said notes and do whatever may be necessary and convenient in connection with the issuance thereof. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and deposit in the Capital Reserve Fund the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of financing part of the cost of constructing or reconstructing the Town swimming pool, all in accordance with the provisions of RSA, Chapter 35. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to provide for the registration of voters in the Town checklist by application to the Town Clerk in accordance with the provisions of RSA, Chapter 55, Sections 9-a, 9-b, and 9-c.

12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA, Chapter 60, relative to absentee voting for Town officers at town meetings.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to do what is necessary and required by the Corps of Engineers of the Department of the Army of the United States so as to enable said Corps to construct a permanent ice retention structure, so-called, in the Israel River, with such water pool in connection therewith as the Selectmen shall determine to be feasible and desirable, without cost to the Town for construction thereof.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept grants of federal or state aid, or both, for the purpose of reconstructing Town roads and bridges, or portions thereof, hereafter destroyed or damaged by floods and to raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the Selectmen to carry out the purpose of this Article.

15. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of RSA, Chapter 250, Section 19, to adopt an ordinance relative to the use of bicycles on Main Street in the Town as follows:

Section I. Operation of bicycles upon the sidewalks of Main Street, beginning at the Main St. Bridge and ending at the intersections of Bunker Hill and Park Streets is prohibited. Operators dismounting their bicycles and pushing said bicycle manually within the above described area is permitted.

Section II. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not more than five dollars for each offense.

16. To see if the Town will vote to indemnify any person employed by the Town, and any member or officer of the Town's governing board, administrative staff or agencies, from personal financial loss and expense, including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment, by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to property, if the indemnified person, at the time of the accident resulting in the injury, damage or destruction upon which claim is made, was acting within the scope of his employment or office, all as provided for by RSA, Chapter 31, Section 105.

17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

18. To direct how money raised for the above purposes be expended.

19. To act upon any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this fourteenth day of February, 1974.

EARLE K. AMADON
CHARLES T. BENNETT
RICHARD MARTIN
Selectmen of the Town of
Lancaster

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

EARLE K. AMADON
CHARLES T. BENNETT
RICHARD MARTIN
Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster



Town Budget

The proposed budget for the fiscal year 1974 follows. The budget is prepared by the Budget Committee from information furnished by the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officers. The Budget Committee held a public hearing for a general discussion of all recommended appropriations. Expression from the public is determining factor as to the amount of appropriations, or a particular appropriation. Many long hours were spent by the Committee and Town Officials in preparation of the Budget. It is their feeling that the expression of the public is reflected in the Budget.

Included is the estimate and actual revenues, appropriations and expenditures of the previous year 1973.

Purpose of Appropriation	Appro. Previous Fiscal Year	Recom. 1974 (1974-75)	Submitted without Recom.
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 22,820.00	\$ 24,420.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	9,200.00	13,300.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	1,100.00	600.00	
Municipal & District Court Exp.	6,400.00	11,000.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	14,750.00	39,500.00	
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec. .	8,500.00	11,800.00	
Contingency Fund	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Conservation Commission	500.00	500.00	
Protect. of Persons & Property:			
Parking Meters	5,200.00	5,200.00	
Police Department	48,950.00	55,650.00	
Fire Department.	8,700.00	9,824.00	

Care of Trees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Insurance	11,160.00	13,575.00	
Planning & Zoning	450.00	650.00	
Damages & Legal Expense	2,000.00	1,700.00	
North Country Council			\$ 1,800.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hosp. & Ambulance).	17,508.70	20,113.74	500.00
Vital Statistics	350.00	350.00	
Sewer Maintenance.	18,850.00	25,000.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	6,600.00	11,100.00	
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maint. - Sum. & Winter. . .	95,950.00	111,250.00	
Street Lighting	14,000.00	13,500.00	
Town Road Aid	898.12	896.46	
Libraries	11,530.89	12,391.32	
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Old Age Assistance.	14,000.00	13,300.00	
Patriotic Purp. (Mem Day, etc.)	300.00	300.00	
Recreation.	4,950.00	107,988.23	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipal Water - Electric Utilities	29,500.00	33,000.00	
Cemeteries	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Airports	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	6,500.00	5,500.00	
Debt Service:			
Princ. & Long Term Notes & Bonds	114,500.00	113,500.00	
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bds.	95,590.00	90,470.00	
Interest on Temp. Loans	5,000.00	3,500.00	
Capital Outlay:			
New Equipment	20,800.00	16,300.00	
Sewer Construction	11,500.00	500.00	
Water Line Construction	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Indian Brook Project	0.00	30,000.00	
Soils Survey	0.00	8,000.00	
Tax Mapping		4,000.00	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	12,500.00	20,500.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS . . .	\$643,662.12		\$848,978.75

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year 1974 (74-75)
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 23,117.00	\$ 23,117.04	\$ 23,100.00
Railroad Tax	908.00	908.36	900.00
Savings Bank Tax	4,359.00	4,359.00	4,350.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	15,375.00	17,766.58	17,700.00
State Aid - Water Pollution Proj.	134,711.00	134,711.00	131,517.00
Highway Subsidy	19,275.87	19,275.84	19,216.00
Reim. a/c Business Profits Tax			
Town Portion.	93,647.31	93,647.31	98,330.00
Reim. State & Fed. Lands	100.00	87.47	100.00
OAA Recovery	1,378.00	1,378.67	200.00
From Local Sources:			
Sale of Timber			12,000.00
Dog Licenses	850.00	855.80	850.00
Business Licenses, Perm. &			
Filing Fees.	800.00	1,043.00	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees.	41,000.00	45,819.28	43,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	7,000.00	6,047.11	6,000.00
Income from Investments.	30,765.00	35,185.10	31,707.00
Sub-Division Fees.	200.00	380.00	380.00
Parking Meter Income	5,500.00	4,388.75	5,200.00
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal &			
District Court	14,000.00	13,717.36	14,000.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	1,325.00	1,316.80	1,325.00
Resident Taxes Retained	15,750.00	14,085.00	15,700.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	240.00	246.99	240.00
Rent of Town Property	800.00	1,406.00	800.00
Sale of Town Property	100.00		100.00
Income from Departments	1,750.00	1,334.00	1,500.00
Ambulance Fees	7,100.00	6,974.50	7,100.00
Sewer Rentals.	18,850.00	3,410.78	25,000.00
Income from Municipal Utilities.	32,500.00	33,897.03	39,000.00
Indian Brook Project			30,000.00
Surplus			1,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing.	66,425.00	67,620.98	57,200.00
Col. Town Income			<u>103,038.23</u>
*Total Revenues from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes			\$691,553.23
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes			<u>157,425.52</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			\$848,978.75

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total "Appropriations recommended by Budget Committee" gives estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes," exclusive of County and School Taxes.

Board of Selectmen and Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen are responsible for assessing property, warning of meetings, conducting certain hearings, laying out of highways, assessing damages and are empowered to make by-laws and various other duties. The Board appoints the Manager, supervises his performance and is responsible for determining policy. The Selectmen act as a group, not individually, in instructing the Manager.

The Town Manager is the administrative head of all departments of the Town and is responsible for the efficient administration thereof. He has general supervision of all town property and business affairs of the town and of the expenditures of monies appropriated by it for town purposes. He prepares and submits to the Selectmen the annual budget and submits such other reports as may be required. Keeps the selectmen advised as to the needs of the town and of the financial condition and such other duties as required by law or ordinance. The letting, making and performance of all contracts for work done for the town, the purchase of all supplies for the town and to administer the poor relief of the town. He is collector of taxes, and building inspector.

The Board of Selectmen held twenty-four regularly scheduled meetings and several special meetings, with the Manager present, to conduct necessary town business, these are open to the public and are held the first and third Mondays of each month.

The Board adopted a bicycle ordinance for the safety of riders and pedestrians adopted the necessary rules and regulations for sewer department, negotiated and contracted for a timber sale on the Town forest.

Appointed members to various committees and boards, issued raffle permits, and performed many and sundry other duties and responded to public requests and always with the Community's best interest in mind.

Board of Assessors

The Board of Selectmen/assessors are charged with the responsibility of fairly and equitably assessing all taxable property at its full and true value. The assessors have accomplished that task well. The gross assessed valuation of taxable property reached \$23,606,000.00 of which nearly \$600,000.00 was in new and improved property. Removed from the gross figure was \$749,460.00 for current use assessments, \$219,767.00 of valuation for elderly exemptions and \$2,000.00 for blind exemptions, making a net taxable valuation of \$22,634,773.00.

This was the second year of the current use assessment law and more lands were approved than last year as more applications were received. Land to be eligible must currently be used for agricultural purposes or come under a forest management program.

A new law becomes effective April 1, 1974 which, includes more land types and applications must be made each year to be eligible. Applications will be part of the Inventory of Taxable Property form that are mailed to all property owners of record.

The elderly exemptions are for those property owners who have reached the age of 70 and do not have a combined income of more than \$5,000.00 or a single person more than \$4,000.00, and do not have assets in excess of \$25,000.00. Applications are required and must be filed before April 16th of each year, application forms are available at the Town Office.

The Board approved a total of 272 applications for veterans exemptions, 3 @ \$600.00 for service connected disability, 269 @ \$50.00 per application or less. The exemption is for taxes and the total taxes exempted was \$15,150.00.

The Board assessed all known boats located in Lancaster on April 1st and assessed the \$10.00 resident tax to all persons between the ages of 21 and 65. In 1974 the age requirement changes to 18 to 65.

The Board of Assessors held meetings to receive inventories of taxable property forms and answer all inquiries relating to them. Other meetings were arranged for particular situations involving assessments. The Board attended meetings conducted by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration.

Taxes, Revenues and Tax Rate

Property Taxes: The 1973 property taxes totaled \$828,432.69, as determined by the three governmental net budgets. The school received \$661,009.22 towards its operation, the town \$214,443.33, which includes an amount of \$25,509.21 for veterans exemptions and overlay and Lancaster's share of the Coos County budget was \$46,627.45.

Federal Revenue Sharing: The Federal Revenue Sharing law became effective in 1972 but was late in the year and those entitlements could not be used until 1973 when Town Meeting could act on their use. The amount available for use was \$66,425.00 which represents one and one-half years.

The formula used for determination of allocation is population, tax effort and per capita income. The formula begins at the state level, to the county and then the towns. The program continues through 1976 under the present law.

Other Taxes: The \$10.00 resident tax for the first time all goes to the town and the total 1973 commitment was \$15,750.00, previous the State received 45% of the tax. Interest and dividends tax returned \$23,117.00, rooms and meals tax \$15,375.00, Savings Bank tax \$4,359.00, and the Highway Subsidy (gas tax reimbursement) \$19,275.00. Only the resident tax is collected locally. A complete list appears under the summary of receipts locally.

Revenues: Motor vehicle permit fees continue to increase and is the largest single local revenue producing item, this year's yield was \$41,000.00. Others include district court returns \$14,000.00, interest on taxes \$7,600.00, interest earning from the bond issue money \$30,165.00, ambulance fees \$7,100.00, license fee \$1,650.00 and rental of Town property and equipment \$2,300.00. These and others are found in the summary of receipts.

Tax Rate: The approved tax rate for 1973 was \$36.60 per one thousand dollars of valuation, an increase over 1972 of \$0.90. The rate is determined by applying the net amount required by property taxes for each unit of government to the net taxable valuation of the town. The 1973 gross property taxes totaled \$828,432.69 and the net taxable valuation is \$22,634,773.00. The rates, per \$1,000.00 of valuation for each unit of government is school \$26.30, town \$8.40 and county \$1.90.

Budget Summary

A comparison of the Town's School's (Lancaster's share of the White Mountains Regional School District) and Coos County Budget summaries and share of property taxes is listed below.

School	1973	1972
Total budget W.M.R.S.D. . . .	\$1,735,506.38	\$1,646,246.19
Lancaster Share	\$ 801,484.60	\$ 788,137.06
Less: Revenue Share.	79,292.20	73,292.30
Less: Foundation Aid.	60,755.81	82,429.13
Less: Foster children Aid . . .	1,200.00	
Plus: Property adjustment. . .	<u>772.62</u>	<u>772.62</u>
	\$ 661,009.22	\$ 633,188.15
Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes .	<u>64,710.29</u>	<u>61,628.91</u>
Net Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 596,298.93	\$ 571,559.24
Net Increase over 1972	\$ 24,739.69	
Town		
Total Appropriations	\$ 643,662.12	\$ 416,185.60
Less: Revenues	<u>454,728.00</u>	<u>221,669.90</u>
	\$ 188,934.12	\$ 194,516.60
Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes.	<u>24,348.30</u>	<u>23,188.88</u>
Net.	\$ 164,585.82	\$ 171,327.72
Plus: Vet. Exemp. & Overlay.	<u>25,509.21</u>	<u>24,625.58</u>
Amount by Property Taxes . .	\$ 190,095.03	\$ 195,953.30
Net Decrease from 1972.	\$ (5,858.27)	
County		
Lancaster Share Coos Cty. Bud.	\$ 46,627.45	\$ 42,980.94
Less: Appli. Bus. Prof. Taxes	<u>4,588.72</u>	<u>4,370.21</u>
Net by Property taxes.	\$ 42,038.73	\$ 38,610.73
Net increase over 1972.	\$ 3,428.00	

The amounts raised for veterans exemptions and for overlay are included in the amount of property taxes, and reflected in the tax rate of the Town only. When these sums are proportionately charged to each, as they ought to be, the tax rates, the amount of

property taxes and the percentages of the total property taxes change, as illustrated below:

1973 Gross Property Taxes		\$896,570.29		
	School	Town	County	
Net Approp. after respective revenues are applied	\$661,009.22	\$188,934.12	\$46,627.45	
Less: Prof. Taxes . . .	64,710.29	24,348.30	4,588.72	
Plus Vet. Exemptions	11,168.58	3,193.62	787.80	
Plus Overlay	<u>7,636.81</u>	<u>2,183.72</u>	<u>538.68</u>	
Net Property Taxes .	\$615,104.32	\$169,963.16	\$43,365.21	
Tax Rates	\$ 27.17	\$ 7.51	\$ 1.92	
Total Percent of Prop. Taxes	74%	21%	5%	

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

	1973	1972
Lands	\$ 5,408,008.00	\$ 5,197,228.00
Buildings (inc. House Trailers)	16,800,647.00	16,153,292.00
Electric Plants	776,570.00	818,831.00
Pipe Lines	410,200.00	410,200.00
Machinery	195,700.00	195,700.00
Boats	<u>14,875.00</u>	<u>9,600.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$23,606,000.00	\$22,784,851.00
Less: Cur. Land Use Asses. . .	749,460.00	202,367.00
Elderly Exemptions	219,767.00	202,367.00
Blind Exemptions	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Net Taxable Valuations	\$22,634,773.00	\$22,580,484.00

TRANSFERS AND CREDITS

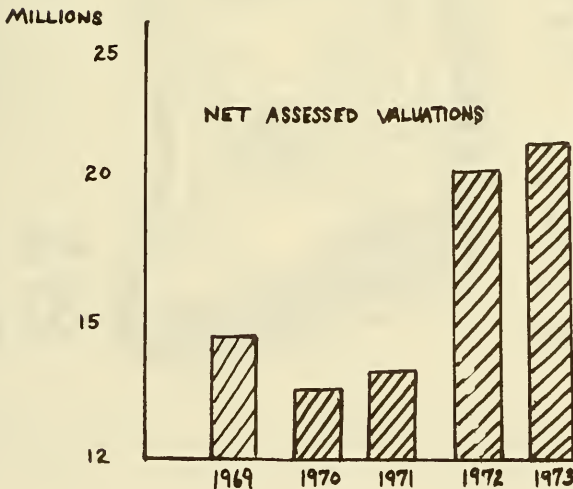
Appropriation for projects that are not completed within the fiscal year for which it was approved, the unused balance may be forwarded into the next fiscal year to complete the project. Appropriations that are made in one fiscal year to go with a future appropriation for a particular project or item may also be forwarded. The following items were forwarded to 1973.

Police Department	\$ 1,450.00
Fire Department.	1,373.00
Town Buildings.	3,200.00
Town Officers Expense	260.00
New Equipment	4,000.00

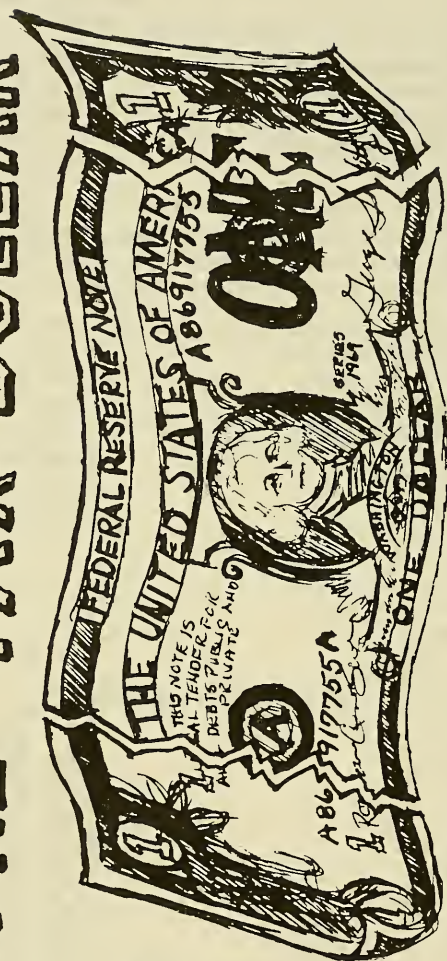
Some departments earn credits during the year for performing services, sales of material, work under State Programs, such as Town Road Aid, and reimbursements from other Town Department. Listed below are the departments and credits received.

Town Officers Expense	\$ 668.50
Town Maintenance.	4,089.44
Retire. & Soc. Sec.	7,401.51
Fire Department	1,163.43
Sewer Maintenance.	781.31
Hospitalization & Group Ins. . . .	1,088.89
Recreation	<u>3,260.18</u>

\$18,452.86



THE TAX DOLLAR



21%
TOWN

74%
SCHOOLS

5%
COUNTY

Notes Worth Noting

SOME NEW LEGISLATIVE ACTS ADOPTED 1973

Mobile Home Park Tenants Bill of Rights requires mobile home park owners or operators to meet certain standards re tenants which local police department or consumer protection division of attorney generals office may enforce.

Fees for Birth Registration Cards, Vital Statistics, and Marriage Certificate Records Increased increases town clerk fees for birth registration cards to \$2; vital statistics \$2 for search and copy; \$4 for issuance of a delayed birth certificate and \$5 for clerk's fee to make record of notice and issue marriage license certificate.

Cooperative School District Meeting Dates. Chapter 427 Requires cooperative school districts to meet annually between March 1 and April 20 to choose officers and raise appropriate money for schools.

Registration Ten days Before Election, Supervisor Sessions and Abolition of Six Month Residency. Chapter 416 Requires supervisors of checklist to notify supervisors in another N.H. city and town of person who transferred voting residence of such transfer. On receiving notice, supervisors shall remove name of said person from checklist. Supervisors must be in session at least 2 days prior to election — the last of which shall be Saturday 10 days prior to election. 1st session shall be 3rd Tuesday next preceeding day of election which may be adjourned to hear all claims. No additions or corrections shall be made after midnight Saturday 10 days prior to election day save for RSA 55:18. Additions or corrections to posted checklist by midnight on succeeding Wednesday. Notice of day, hour and place of each session must be on checklists first posted.

Absentee Voting in Nonpartisan or Australian Ballot Elections Allowed. Chapter 59 Allows towns, village districts and school districts which have adopted nonpartisan ballot system to adopt absentee voting by referendum an article inserted by selectmen, commissioners or school board or written petition of 10 or more voters. Clerk will print article on official ballot.

Absentee Registration Forms Available from Clerks: Filing Period Eliminated. Chapter 60 Any person may apply to city or town clerk for absentee registration affidavit prepared by secretary of state.

Preferential Open Space Current Use Tax. Chapter 372 allows a landowner to apply to assessors by April 15 for current use assessment on all undeveloped land and a 10% land use change tax payable by owner of April 1 following change of use not qualifying for open space assessment. Eleven member current use advisory board set up within tax commission which holds at least public hearing in January and meets prior to February 1 to review and establish open space land use criteria and values for current year and recommend changes for improvement. Recommended schedule of criteria and values shall be submitted to tax commission prior to March 1 for tax commission to distribute. Landowner must apply for open space assessment by April 15 and may apply up to approval of local tax rate by commission if failed to file due to accident, mistake or misfortune. Assessors must notify applicant of decision by July 1 or within 15 days if application after July 1. Prior to July 1, assessors decide whether previous classified lands reapplied or undergone change in use so 10% land use change tax can be levied. List of all classified lands and owners must be filed, be a part of invoice, and subject to inspection re RSA 76:7. By August 1 or within 4 days if classified after August 1, assessors file with county registrar of deeds all lands classified under chapter on form provided by tax commission — name of owner, date of classification, short description of parcel, etc. Land appraised at current use value will be valuation for such land in computing total value of land for all purposes including RSA 33:4-b bonding limit. Tax Commission issues form to tax collector — description of property changed, tax payable, full value assessment of changed use which owner signs under penalty of perjury. On receipt of payment, tax collector keeps 1 copy, gives owner 1 copy, forwards 1 copy each to local assessors and county registrar of deeds. Land assessed at full value if owner fails to reapply with land use tax paid on such assessed value. Landowner has 30 days for written appeal on payment of \$10 to tax commission to review assessor's decision and may appeal to Superior Court. Tax Commission may order land reclassified or denied. Willful neglect of duty for failure to comply with tax commission orders.

Landowner of land may apply for permit to convey discretionary easement to town/city in April to planning board which shall recommend approval by selectmen or city council if finds planned use in line with open space objectives. Owner then applies to selectmen or council to grant an easement to town/city not to subdivide, develop or change land to inconsistent use. Such easement shall be for ten years minimum with current use assessment — may be fixed not to exceed highest per acre open space value — Selectmen and city council record with register of deeds. Landowner may be released from discretionary easement on show of extreme personal hardship and pay 12% of full value in 1st half of

easement; 6% — 2nd half of easement duration. Tax collector issues receipt to owner with copy to selectmen/council who execute a release (also to assessors) land taken by eminent domain in condemnation proceedings exempt. RSA 79-A:1-26. Act effective July 1, 1973, but no land assessed as open space land until April 1974.

\$5,000 Homeowners Property Tax Exemption — Local Option. Chapter 482 allows town meeting ballot vote on question "Shall we adopt the homeowners exemption provisions of RSA Chapter 72 granting a \$5,000 exemption based on equalized assessed valuation of all owner-occupied units and a \$10,000 exemption based on equalized assessed valuation of all owner-occupied units owned by persons over 65 years of age?" No exemption below \$8,000 equalized value.

\$10,000 Elderly Exemption (65 or older) does *not* apply unless applicant a resident for five years immediately preceding and not received property from relative (by blood or marriage) who is *not* 65 by date of application. Elderly exemption RSA 72:39-43 doesn't apply where town adopts Chapter 482. Residence deferred occupancy such as to indicate the person regards the place as his home to the exclusion of all other places where he may from time to time temporarily reside, and he must use this residence as his principal place of abode. A claimant must have claimed residence for a least 6 months prior to April 1.

Tax Lien Option for 65 and Old Owners of Real Estate. Chapter 452 enables resident property owner 65 or over to apply to selectmen before April 15 for relief from full payment of property taxes by tax lien on whole or part of taxes — up to 85% of true value — due in lieu of full payment plus 5 percent annual interest. Tax lien is subject to prior liens on property. Mortgage must give mortgagor prior approval such approval shall not grant town preferential lien. On death of owner, heirs, assignee or devisee has first priority to said property by paying in full the tax lien plus interest due.

100% Resident Tax to Cities & Towns. Chapter 469 amends RSA 72:5-a (supp) so all resident taxes shall be retained for use of city or town where collected.

Budget Committee Procedure — Statement of Expenditures. Chapter 245 Budget Committee shall meet periodically to review expenditure statement which selectmen, town managers, school board, and village commissioners must furnish on request but such periodical meeting does not mean the budget committee shall exercise authority over the expenditures.

Notice of Hearing by Zoning Board. Chapter 422 requires the zoning board of adjustment (1) to notify appellant and all abutters by certified mail, return receipt requested of time and

place of hearing — not less than 5 days before hearing (2) to place public notice of hearing in newspaper of general circulation not less than 5 days before hearing date (3) to hold public hearing within 30 days of receipt of notice of appeal. Costs of advertising and mailing notices shall be paid by person making appeal. Any party may appear in person or by his agent or attorney at hearing.

Approval of Subdivision Required Before Disturbing Environment. Chapter 80 prohibits person required to submit subdivision plans re RSA 149-E:3,I. to begin construction of roads until approved. Test borings allowed to comply with NH WSPC data necessary to review and approve plans.

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Enabling Act. Chapter 570 Allows cities and towns to expend money to plan and dispose of solid wastes, trucking, separating and recycling in an appropriate manner. Selectmen and mayor and council authorized to enter cooperative agreements and expend funds to provide regional facility to collect, separate and/or recycle solid wastes at mutually agreed upon sites.

Trucks Carrying Particulate Matter Covered Unless Municipal Maintenance or Under 30 mph. Chapter 573 Requires all trucks carrying particular matter — earth, sand, asphalt, stone, gravel, etc., to have a close fitting tarpaulin cover except if (1) municipal and state highway maintenance equipment, or (2) operating at less than 30 miles per hour, or (3) operating in highway construction zone as prescribed by state commissioner of public works and highways.

Local Reporting of Mobile Homes Required. Chapter 152 requires a person moving a house trailer or mobile home into a city or town for residence to register with assessors or selectmen within fifteen days of placement or purchase. RSA 72:7-b. Effective November 1, 1973.

Town Clerk's Report

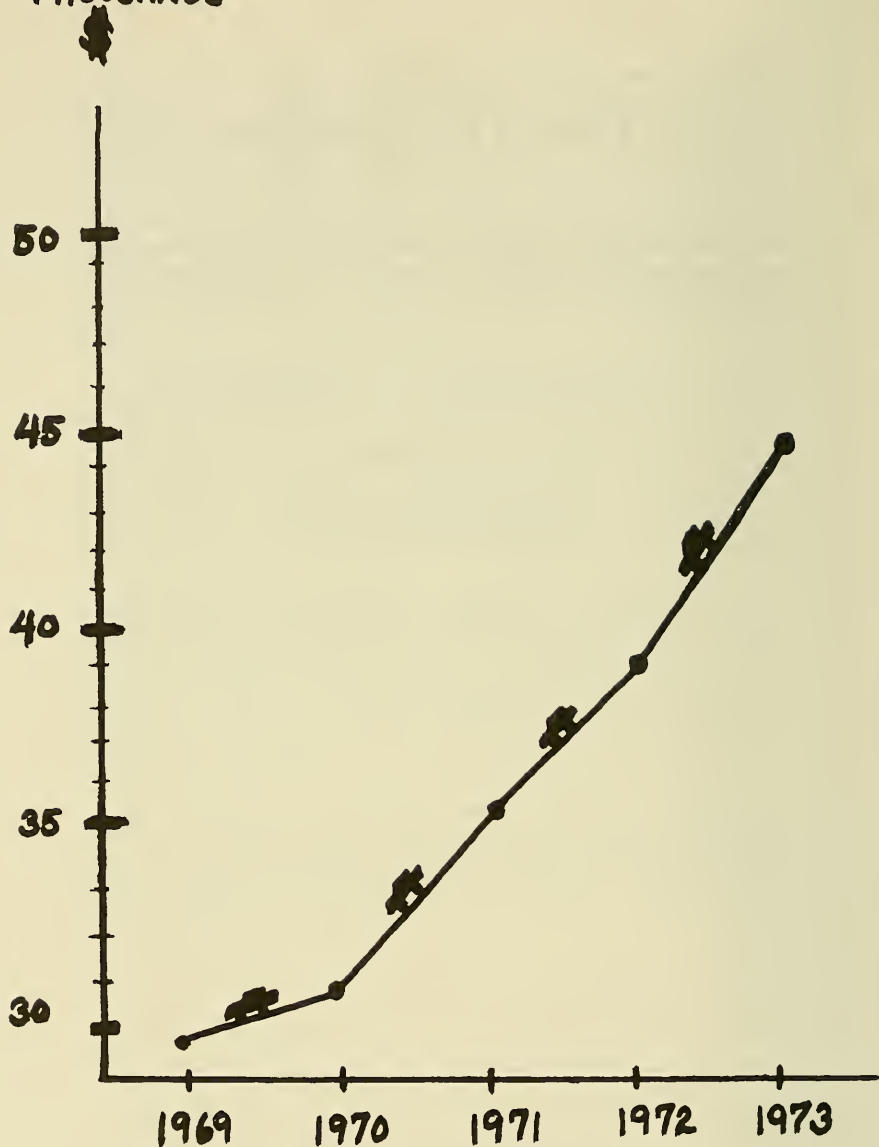
The number of Motor Vehicle Permits issued for the registration of motor vehicles increased to 2933. Fees from these permits gave revenue of \$45,819.28. Issued were 358 dog licenses for revenue of \$855.80. Filing fees paid by candidates running for office totalled \$3.00.

Total fees collected. \$46,678.08
Remitted to Treasurer \$64,678.08

VITAL STATISTICS

Births recorded	188
Deaths recorded	114
Marriages recorded	60

Thousands



MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT INCOME



Planning and Zoning

ZONING:

The Building Inspector received 52 applications for building new structures, additions and alterations to existing structures, and for locating mobile homes, not including those moved into mobile home parks. Permits issued totaled 40 while 8 were denied because the applications indicated authority for their particular situation was with the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducted 8 hearings, after proper public notice, in response to appeals. The appeals varied from undersize building lots to a gravel processing plant. Of the 8 appeals heard 3 were denied, 1 for a motorcycle shop, 1 for a gravel processing plant and 1 for an apartment house on an undersized lot.

Permits issued were within the catagories listed and the estimated cost of construction.

The two apartment complexes will fill a need by making available 43 living units for elderly citizens, low income and for others that qualify.

Permits Issued	Estimated Cost
11 residences, new	\$238,500
6 residences, additions, remodeled	31,500
4 garages, residential	9,000
4 commercials, new	22,000
3 commercials, additions	59,412
2 farm buildings	5,000
8 apartment buildings	<u>445,000</u>
TOTAL	\$810,412

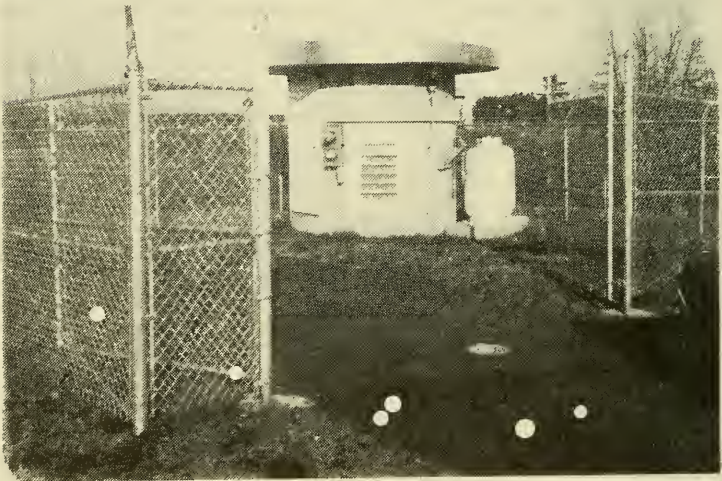
PLANNING:

The Planning Board held regular monthly meetings every second Monday of each month and several special meetings. Beginning in 1974 the meeting night will be the second Tuesday

of each month. These are public meetings and attendance by interested citizens is encouraged.

The Board acted on 22 request for final approval of sub-division plots. Many of these were two lot sub-divisions. Many preliminary plans were viewed by the Board and their suggestions for improvements were reflected in the final plot.

The Planning Board suggest that the public become familiar with the sub-division regulations and particularly those that plan a sub-division should also become familiar with the requirements for submitting a plan.



SMALLER PUMPING STATION — LOCATED NORTH MAIN STREET A
SIMILAR PUMPING STATION IS LOCATED ON SUMMER STREET.

Elections and Registrations

TOWN MEETING:

The continuing policy of holding the business session of the town meeting in the evening every other year saw the 1973 business meeting begin at 7:00 P.M. and continued until all articles in the warrant were disposed of. The polls opened at 10:00 A.M. for voting on all town officers with the final results as follows:

Selectman	Richard W. Martin	272 votes
Trustee of Trust Funds	Laurance E. Bryan	599 votes
Library Trustee	Grace M. Lee	597 votes
Emmons Smith Fund	Jean C. Foss	583 votes
Col. Town Investment		
Committee (2)	James B. Fitch	524 votes
	John H. Olson	533 votes
Col. Town Spending		
Committee (3) - 3 year term	Joyce F. Hall	397 votes
	Ellen Moody	408 votes
	Carl Yunghans	374 votes
2 year term	Clifford A Rowe	577 votes
Budget Committee (3)	Randall C. Carr	545 votes
	John E. Gormley	425 votes
	Howard R. Piche	511 votes

Total ballots cast 627.

The Town Meeting business session was declared open at 7:00 P.M. by Moderator Dana H. Lee followed by an invocation given by Rev. Gerald Dunn.

The first article to be acted upon was the second article in the warrant which asked authority for the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow short term money in anticipation of property tax receipts. Early payments of taxes would eliminate this need or substantially reduce the amount necessary to continue operations until property taxes are received. The meeting gave the authority.

The meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deed.

Article 4 requested an appropriation of \$19,000.00 for engineering and design of a sewer line on Bridge St., beginning at approximately the Prospect View Drive-In and running to approximately the residence of Bruce Wells, and then southerly across land of Wells, and join with the existing Israel River Crossing. The cost from which would come from the sewer bond issue. The voters were not ready to approve this item and voted not to appropriate the money.

A similar request for engineering and design for the Grange Area and a section of the North Road, where existing lines now go into the Otter Brook, was approved. This will complete the pollution abatement project as far as existing municipal lines emptying in public waters.

The meeting approved the raising and depositing annually, in a capital reserve fund, \$5,000.00 towards the replacement of the public swimming pool. It was explained the age of the pool and the type of construction leads to the need for replacement in the near future.

Article 7 dealing with where and how Federal Revenue Sharing funds should be used brought out a lot of discussion. The proposed areas were New Equipment \$20,800.00, Town Hall renovations \$25,000.00 (including \$5,000.00 for a new furnace), adding two additional police officers \$14,275.00, paving the Bunker Hill Street parking lot \$4,350.00 and an office assistant \$2,000.00. The first item for new equipment was favorably voted. Strong sentiment for retaining the town hall, as is, played a part in not approving funds to change the hall to another use. Instead the money, revenue sharing, will be used to replace the furnace and to town highway maintenance. The remaining items were approved including the additional police officers.

Article 8 and 9 were approved, the budget as presented by the Budget Committee, except as amended by the meeting and how such funds were to be expended, which of course is by the Board of Selectmen.

The 1973 Town Meeting demonstrated the true meaning of a town meeting and that is government by the people. Voter participation was excellent and the decisions of the body prevailing — democracy in action.

The meeting adjourned after all those present wishing to vote had voted.



District Court

The Honorable Walter D. Hinkley is Justice of the Lancaster District Court, the Honorable Paul F. Donovan, Associate Justice and Mr. George Carter, Clerk. The Expenditures include the salaries of the above officers and minor costs. The following financial statement indicates the court's activities.

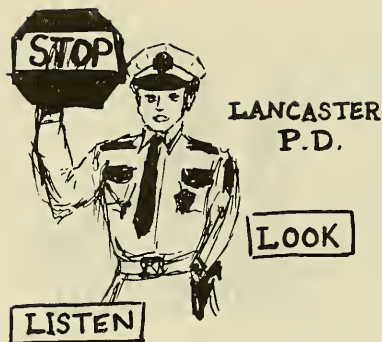
RECEIPTS DURING YEAR:

Total Receipts	\$29,893.18
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EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR:

Town of Lancaster	\$15,020.68
Division of Motor Vehicles	13,987.35
Fish & Game Dept.	300.00
Association Dues	130.00
Printing & Supplies	282.85
Special Justice Fees	86.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>86.30</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$29,893.18
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Police

To Protect and To Serve

This Department has an obligation to provide a *professional* standard of Law Enforcement Service to the community. In fulfilling that responsibility, it is essential that personnel be properly trained. This is true not only at the entrance level where an officer must receive basic training prior to their assumption of Police Responsibilities, but it is a continuous process throughout their careers.

This year the Department had two members attend the six week Basic Police Academy. One member went to a two week course in Basic Finger Printing. Five members received diplomas in Police Prosecutor Training. Two members completed the two week school on Accident Investigation. Five members attended a five day seminar on Criminal Investigation held in Berlin. We also held regular in-service training within the Department, to update their training, and evaluate the effectiveness of the Department.

With funding from the Governors Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Department was able to present to the Elementary School students, the Officer Bill Program, and Users Are Losers Drug Program. Also as part of our Public Education Program, members of the Department have been holding RAF Sessions with the students at the High School.

Motor Vehicle Complaints processed through Court increased over last year. The biggest increase coming under Speeding of which there was 117 cases. Driving while intoxicated cases increased by 100%, with thirty-one cases being processed this year. These figures are not to be misconstrued that there was a vast increase in violators, but it is a reflection of the co-ordinated efforts of all members of this Department to make your streets safe for your use.

This year the Department had to investigate nine major Burglary and sixteen Larceny cases. This increase in criminal cases over last year took place in the out lying areas of town: summer homes, camps, secluded residences. There were only two attempts of Burglary in the compact area of town. This brings out the point, that any tendency of a criminal to violate the law is deterred by Police Patrol which, through necessity, is confined primarily to the compact area of town. The figures show a need for additional patrol capabilities outside of the compact area by this department.

Drug Abuse within our community continues to be a threat to the young people and as it continues to rise throughout the state, this Department will seek to prevent and deter the use and possession of and traffic in all prohibited drugs.

To prevent the spreading use of narcotics and other dangerous drugs, the Department engages in public education programs to inform the people about the effect and hazards of drug abuse. Additionally, the Department provides the public with factual information with which to make decisions regarding the use of drugs and to assist them in recognizing symptoms of drug abuse. An understanding and appreciation of the full effect and extent of drug abuse is essential for success in over coming its threat. By working with and through the community, the Department seeks to engage the people in a cooperative attack on this critical problem.

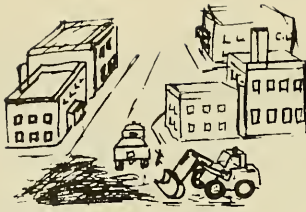
Over the years, your Police Department has strived to give our all for a better community. A community in which you, the citizenry of Lancaster, can work and relax in safety and self content. Your Police Department protects the rights of all persons within it's jurisdiction to be free from criminal attack, to be secure in their possessions and to live in peace. The Police serves the citizens of Lancaster by performing the Law Enforcement function in a professional manner and it is to you people that the force is ultimately responsible. A society free from crime and disorder remains an unachieved ideal, but with your guidance and support we will set our objective as closely as possible to that ideal.

Accidents — 109

Property damage under \$100.00	69
Property damage over \$100.00	32
Property damage listed as total	3
Accident requiring medical attention.....	9
Accident requiring hospitalization.....	3
Number of one car accidents.....	62
Number of two car accidents.....	37
Number of three car accidents.....	4
Number of accidents between deer, cows, horses with vehicles.....	6

Accidents resulting in fatality	1
Number of accidents resulting in court action	23
Motor Vehicle Court Cases — 273	
Failing to report accident	2
Failing to yield	6
Passing on a yellow line	48
Failing to stop at stop sign	10
Operating without a license	6
Operating to endanger	2
Operating after revocation	5
Improper U-Turn	6
Following too close	4
Allowing an improper person to operate	3
Operating after suspension	6
Driving while intoxicated	31
Speeding (radar)	48
Speeding	69
Unreasonable speed	3
Operating unregistered motor vehicle	6
Operating with unsafe tires	7
Reckless operation of a motor vehicle	1
Passing on right	3
Operating uninspected motor vehicle	19
Operating with no protective head gear	5
Leaving scene of accident	1
Failing to wear protective lenses	2
Passing a school bus	2
Failing to keep right	8
Criminal Court Cases — 77	
Resisting arrest	1
Trespassing	2
Illegal possession of alcohol	8
Disorderly person	3
Petty larceny	4
Grand larceny	3
Failing to stop for Police Officer	1
Drunk	7
Assault	7
Fraudulent check	16
Larceny by check	1
Disorderly person	2
Burglary	6
Failure to answer summons	2
Fugitive from justice	5
Injuring public utility	1
False Fire Alarm	1
Possession of controled drug	3

Malicious damage	2
Procuring for a minor	1
Statutory rape	1
Complaints Filed — 846	
Dog	136
Family	76
Bad Checks	53
Juvenile	9
Burglary	9
Larceny	16
Malicious damage	23
Bicycles	17
Motor vehicles	87
Snowmobiles	16
Missing persons	2
Nuisance	381
Prowlers	7
Cat	14
Other Activities	
Motor vehicles checked	609
Motor vehicles warnings	458
DE Tags issued	236
Emergency blood runs	29
Assistance to sick and injured	53
Assistance to motorists in trouble	126
Door and windows found open	341
Parking tickets given	498
Assistance to other Departments	82
Breath test given	64



Public Works

Highway Department:

The highway department personnel performs many functions, including maintenance of streets and roads. Snow removal is a major function. Responsibility includes plowing snow, removing snow from certain streets for reasons of safety and drainage, maintaining a sufficient salt supply to keep streets safe for travel, and a stockpile of sand mixed with salt for spreading on gravel roads for safe travel and on streets when temperatures prevent effective use of salt. A new sand spreader was added this year for this purpose and was installed on the new truck, also purchased this year. An average use of sand is approximately 2500 cubic yards and salt averages 300 tons. The sidewalks were kept free of snow and sanded as needed. A new sidewalk plow was purchased to replace the old one.

The summer requires time for cleaning streets, including sweeping the sand used in the winter. This material is used as cover material at the municipal dump. Preparing streets for resurfacing, and patching others, with asphalt material mixed by the department forces, is a continuing function. Approximately five miles of streets were resurfaced with asphalt and sand mix and approximately 400 tons of patch material was mixed.

The Bunker Hill Street parking lot was prepared for a new hot asphalt top after proper drainage was added.

The personnel kept all highway equipment in good repair, doing most of the mechanical work and all of the repair work, such as spring repair or replacement. Most welding required is done at the town garage by a member of the department who received training in welding methods.

The department operates a tractor backhoe that is also used by the water department and that unit was replaced this year. The unit is used in all trenching work such as culvert installation, surface drainage installation and many other uses. In the winter it is used for loading salt and sand when the front end loader is being used elsewhere.

The municipal solid waste disposal area was maintained with a part time attendant and the highway crew trucked cover material and leveled the area. The rodent control program was continued and rodents were kept at a minimum.

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This year like last year the Town Road Aid money was used on the Page Hill Road. The old road bed was removed and new gravel put in its place. The old soils included clay which caused problems of maintaining a good road surface. Some of the waste materials were deposited at the dump for cover material. Increased traffic flow requires an improved road surface.

Water Department

Continued growth in water system users, although small, was evident again this year as eight new services were added, not including new users in Mobile Home Parks. There were 23 service line replacements, many of which were done in conjunction with the installation of new sewer line construction. All replacements were with copper pipe for longer life. Four old hydrants were replaced with new types and at the same time gate valves were added for improved protection, and maintenance, and less interference with customer service, if maintenance becomes necessary.

The N. H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission has adopted new regulations requiring that within ten years all open public water supply sources must be fully treated or new under ground sources developed.

The same personnel of the Water Department also are charged with the maintenance of the sewer system.

Sewer Department

The new sewer systems went into operation the first of November. The plant operations require the service of a plant operator. His responsibilities include maintenance and care of three pumping stations, chlorination plant and lagoon systems. He must have knowledge of their proper operations and be able to recognize and correct any malfunctions that may develop. He maintains a proper chlorine residual in the waste water by proper operation of the chlorination plant and must have knowledge of the proper operation of and understanding of the function of a lagoon system. The operators duties also include maintenance of sewer lines.

The plant operator employed has attended related schools and is completing a course in Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants provided by the N. H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission.



Fire Department

The fire Department, under the leadership of Fire Chief Maurice Lee functioned well and efficiently. Chief Lee resigned that post mid-year soon after early retirement from his employment.

A dedicated fireman Chief Lee served the Department and his community well as Fire Chief, many years as assistant chief, and as a fireman. He also served for many years as a Deputy Forest Fire Warden and as a Special Deputy Fire Warden.

Chief Lee was replaced by Assistant Chief Roger Emery. Chief Emery has already proven his skills and ability in the short time he has held the position. Continued efficiency in the Department is assured under his leadership.

The Department advanced even further this year with our training programs. Almost one third of the Department personnel attended fire schools this year in various parts of the State and in some cases an individual firefighter attended more than one school. N. H. has one of the finest firefighter schools in the Northeast and the men felt fortunate to be able to have attended these schools.

The Department has formed two Companies, each with its own officers. This gives the men better leadership and frees the Chiefs to oversee the general operation of the Department, and to perform inspections required by the State and Town of Lancaster.

Records show that a large number of Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers were purchased during this year, which indicates that people have started to become aware of fire protection, which this Department takes pride.

We have added to our inventory additional hose and equipment that will enable the Department to perform the job better. We have a new foam nozzle, spanner wrenches for each firefighter, a new forcible entry tool, face shields for each helmet to protect firemen from injury, and other items that will increase the Department's ability to quickly bring fires under control.

A small turnover of men occurred this year which is an asset to the Town, as this requires less training for new men and also indicates dedication to fire service.

The breakdown of fires and alarms this year is about the average that we have every year. Fires listed under "other" would include: oil burner pots, electrical fires, trash cans, dump fires, and suspected fires. Not all of these fires were fires that involved blowing the alarm.

Many thanks to you the people of Lancaster for your help and increased concern in our Department.

Grass Fires — 4
Brush Fires — 2
Forest Fires — 0
Dwelling Fires — 2
Chimney Fires — 3
Automobile Fires — 2
Automobile Accidents — 4
Out of Town Assistance — 2
System malfunction — 1
False Alarms — 4
Others — 24

REPORT of the FOREST FIRE WARDEN and DISTRICT CHIEF

The New Hampshire Forest Fire Service is represented in every town, city or unorganized place in our state by the forest fire warden. Anyone wishing to kindle an outside fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the fire warden. Except for cooking fires, no fire can be kindled between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless it is a commercial or industrial burn or it is raining. The fire warden is assisted in his work by the District Forest Fire Chief who works for the Department of Resources and Economic Development Forest Fire Service.

Fire prevention was, again this year, the most important part of the Forest Fire Warden's job. Fire statistics show the need with 72% of the fires caused by smoking, debris burning and children. Smokey the Bear is an important prevention tool but he still needs much help from the public. Parents should warn their children of the hazards of playing with matches. Children tend to forget that a lighted match held in their hand is a potential forest fire.

Forest Fire Record 1973:

	State	District	Lancaster
Fires reported	617	12	1
Acres burned	244		
Acres average size	.395		

GLEASON McCULLOUGH
District Fire Chief



IN ATTENDANCE AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL MEETING
FOUR FIRE CHIEFS – FROM THE LEFT FORMER CHIEF, JASON J.
GESSNER, ARTHUR M. DRAKE, MAURICE W. LEE AND NEW FIRE
CHIEF ROGER N. EMERY.



MANY GROUPS, INCLUDING THE VFW, PARTICIPATED TO HELP
FINANCE THE LANCASTER TEAM SO THEY COULD PARTICIPATE
IN THE PHILADELPHIA TOURNEY.



Municipal Cemeteries

The maintenance costs of Municipal Cemeteries and income is included in the statement below. Of the total \$2,500.00 was raised by taxation, the balance from other sources. The cemeteries include the Wilder, Main Street, Summer Street Cemetery and No. 10 on the Martin Meadow Pond Road.

Balance: January 1, 1973		\$ 2,602.42
Income for the Year:		
Income from Trust Funds	\$13,482.46	
Town Appropriation	2,500.00	
New Perpetual Care Funds Created	2,100.00	
Burials	1,908.00	
Sale of Lots	903.00	
Care of Lots	860.00	
Winter Vault Rentals	50.00	
Total		<u>21,803.46</u>
Total Funds Available		\$24,405.88
Less Expenditures:		
Salaries	15,028.00	
Payments to Trustees of Trust		
Funds — New Funds	2,100.00	
Social Security Taxes	801.36	
Equipment Rental	660.00	
Supplies	659.91	
New Equipment	474.75	
Repairs to Equipment	408.77	
Flowers	253.00	
Utilities	182.84	
Insurance	75.00	
Total		<u>20,643.63</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>\$ 3,762.25</u>

Public Welfare

TOWN WELFARE: The town welfare is administered by the Overseer of Public Welfare. There were 5 cases of direct relief involving 9 adults and 10 children. Most cases are of short duration until they are accepted under a state aid program or until employment can be found.

The medicaid program helps reduce local costs, the program is designed to assist persons who do not have the means to provide for their medical care or who can do so only at a great financial sacrifice. Through this program, pharmaceutical, laboratory, skilled nursing home care, and physicians' services are supplied in whole or in part. In determining eligibility for these services, certain limitations have been established on the amount of annual income and assets that persons may have. Two local funds, administered by committees, have assisted these families and others in emergency situations, and of course helps keep local welfare costs to a minimum. Information concerning these funds may be learned by contacting the Town Office.

STATE WELFARE ASSISTANCE: These programs are administered by the State Department of Welfare and is financed jointly by Federal, State and Local governments. The expenditure is Lancaster's share of Lancaster Persons over the age of 65 years, eligible to receive assistance under the program.

The Town is assisting in support of an average of 29 recipients of the Old Age Assistance program, 1 under the O.A.A. Aliens program and 5 persons aided under the disability program. The cost of the program to the town this year was \$13,166.76.

Information concerning these programs may be received by contacting the Town Office or by calling the N.H. Dept. of Public Welfare, Berlin, N. H.

PUBLIC WELFARE COSTS

1969.....	\$10,656.42
1970.....	\$13,658.86
1971.....	\$13,535.71
1972.....	\$13,994.96
1973.....	\$14,800.37



Weeks Memorial Library

1973 has been a relatively uneventful year at the library, with the exception of one change in staff; Mrs. Barbara Day, who has been the assistant librarian for many years, retired in September. We wish to express our thanks to Mrs. Day for her many years of untiring service to the library's patrons, we are sure she will be missed.

Mrs. Virginia Richardson was selected to take over the position left by Mrs. Day, we feel sure that she was a very wise choice for the job.

Our book circulation has been somewhat lower than in recent years. We can find no logical explanation for this, except the fact that many other small town libraries are facing the same problem. The only explanation seems to be that both the libraries and the Bookmobiles are unable to purchase as many books as before due to rising costs. All books have soared in price, so the fewer books the fewer circulations.

The library building has had two major repair jobs done this year, one being the long over due repair of the front steps, this was done by Mr. Robert Kidder. The other was the new roofing job done by Therrien Roofers, since a leaking roof has been a long standing problem we hope that this has finally solved the problem.

Again we wish to thank the people of Lancaster for their generous support of the library and to invite you all to visit and enjoy your library and it's many facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) BARBARA MILLER
Librarian

HAROLD S. MOUNTAIN
JAMES B. FITCH
GRACE M. LEE

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN — 1973

Each year sees a considerable growth in the children's department of the Weeks Memorial Library. The most marked increase in borrowers and interest is shown in the pre-school and beginning to read groups.

The teachers continue to borrow large collections for their classrooms, either to supplement material being studied or for pleasure reading, and with their classes have visited the library giving the children an opportunity to make their own selections.

The department continues to be well patronized during the summer months by summer visitors and fulfills reading requirements of student guests.

We still appreciate the Bookmobile service which provides more variety to our collections.

The Siwooganock Bank has again supplied us so generously with plastic book bags to protect books carried home by the children.

In order to keep up with the trend of the times and moods in reading, it has been necessary to weed from the shelves many of the out moded books and so called "dead wood".

You are most welcome to visit the department and see for yourselves the service which you help to support.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) ELIZABETH CURRIE
Librarian

HAROLD S. MOUNTAIN
JAMES B. FITCH
GRACE M. LEE

Treasurer's Report

Year Ending December 31, 1973

Balance on hand, Checking Acct 1/1/73 \$ 656.11

Received from:

Fines	\$ 152.50	
Col. F.L. Town Inc. Spend. Com.	1,600.00	
Shurtleff Fund Interest	24.32	
Shurtleff Fund Bond Interest . . .	125.00	
Brackett Fund Interest	5.27	
Linscott Fund Interest	77.22	
Hastings Bond Interest	60.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds.	1,986.30	
Town of Lancaster, Appropriation	11,000.00	
Town of Lancaster, Spec. Roof		
Approp.	1,920.00	
Book Reimbursement	86.50	
		<u>17,037.11</u>
		\$17,693.22

Disbursements:

Salaries	6,430.00	
Substitutes salaries.	2,246.00	
Social Security.	508.01	
Lights, Telephone & Water	417.82	
Insurance.	640.00	
Flowers, Box rent & Travel	67.75	
Maintenance & Boiler Inspection.	724.51	
Special Roof Repair.	1,920.00	
Books — Adult.	2,482.04	
— Juvenile.	960.49	
Periodicals.	522.39	
Supplies	179.54	
Fuel.	532.62	
		<u>17,631.17</u>

Balance on hand, Checking Acct. 12/31/73 \$ 62.05

Public Health

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE, INC.

This service has expanded in quantity and quality during the past year. There are now two more communities under the agency's jurisdiction and we have been permitted to add some patient treatments.

Our service continues under the leadership of the Public Health Nursing Committee composed of volunteer members representing each of the communities covered by the service. These members have generously given their time and efforts to the program throughout the year. The officers are:

Chairman: Mrs. Robert Quay
 Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Roland Kimball
 Secretary: Mrs. Benjamin Blodgett
 Treasurer: Mrs. George Smith

Nursing Visits:

Type	Lancaster	Whitefield	Jefferson	Dalton
Antepartum	2	1	0	0
Postpartum	72	33	5	1
Well Child	75	34	5	1
Neurological	85	72	0	0
Respiratory	5	2	3	4
Orthopedic	71	56	39	0
CVA	188	88	3	16
Cardiac	320	224	0	30
Blood Dyscrasis	342	2	0	0
Cancer	79	93	0	0
Arthritis	120	118	0	0
Diabetes	356	15	0	2
Gastro-Intestinal	30	53	4	12
Mental Health	116	48	0	0
Periph. Vasc.	52	62	0	0
Adult Health	11	3	0	0
Urological	5	5	0	0
Non-orthopedic	1	12	0	0
Comm. Disease	1	3	0	1
Mental Retardation	0	1	0	0
Family Planning	1	0	1	0
EENT	1	1	2	0
Gynecological	8	0	0	0
	1941	926	57	67

There were a total of 2991 visits in 1973 as compared with 2280 visits in 1972. Listed above are the classification of visits for 1973. These include nursing and physical therapy visits.

Within the past year, visits of health promotion have increased. These visits are concerned more with stability of emotional problems. In most cases, the physicians feel that much progress has been noted with these patients under our care. These visits usually do not entail actual physical care but require conversations with patients allowing for voicing of problems and possible solutions.

We appreciate the assistance of organizations throughout the year. The Emmons Smith Fund has helped with some badly needed equipment. White Mountain Community Services have been a constant source of aid for individual problems of patients. Crippled Children's Services and the Department of Welfare have also been very useful. All of these services are becoming increasingly valuable to us.

The loan closet is in constant use. We appreciate all equipment donated and wish to express our thanks to those people responsible.

Our agency is starting to make improvements on the referral system from the hospital and our increased caseload is beginning to prove its worth.

We still continue with our Groveton contract concerning Medicare billing, which is apparently working very well at the present.

Special clinics and classes held during the past year include:

- I. Diabetic and Glaucoma Screenings Clinic. This Clinic revealed many new cases and was considered quite successful and rewarding for patients and physicians. This clinic was attended by 386 people for diabetic testing and 340 people for glaucoma testing.
- II. Pap Smear and Breast Examination Clinic. This clinic was attended by 68 women and considered very successful by the American Cancer Society.
- III. Series of Pre-Natal Classes. These were attended by five women reporting the classes to be quite informative.

Future plans of our agency include expansion of services in all communities, continuation of pre-natal classes and family oriented health services.

Child Health Station:

The Child Health Station was held every third Friday of each month with local physicians serving on a rotating basis. A total of 514 children were immunized. Immunizations included were DPT, Sabin Polio, Measles, Rubella, Mumps and Tuberculin testing.

Following is a schedule of state recommendations for immunizations for your own use:

Age	Immunization(s)
2 months	DPT — Polio
4 months	DPT — Polio
6 months	DPT — Polio
12 months	Mumps, Measles, Rubella Tuberculin Testing
18 months	DPT and Polio Booster
4 — 6 years	DPT and Polio Booster Tuberculin Testing

The immunization program is sponsored by the Mahaney-Brisson Post of the Lancaster American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. The immunizations are provided by the State Department of Health. Members of the Public Health Committee have assisted at the clinics during the year.

I would especially like to thank the Medical Staff of Beatrice D. Weeks Memorial Hospital; Dr. James Ferguson for serving on our Medical Advisory Committee; the Public Health Nursing Committee; Miss Eleanor Kenney, R.N.; Mrs. Steward Foss, Secretary; Mrs. Jacquelyn Sawin, R.N.; Mrs. Mary Fitch, R.N.; Mrs. Diantha Rochefort, R.N.; Mrs. Carol Haas, R.P.T.; and members of our communities for their guidance and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA N. PLACEY, R.N.
Public Health Nurse



COL. TOWN PLAY SCHOOLER KARL MARTIN IN THE "SEAT OF HONOR" AS ANOTHER BIRTHDAY IS CELEBRATED.

Debt Service

Bond Issue: The first principal payment on the Sewer Bond Issue was made this year, the payment \$110,000.00, and interest \$95,175.00, of which the state of N. H. paid \$134,711.00. A schedule of bond and other indebtedness follows.

Long Term Notes: Payments on long term notes totaled \$4,972.70, \$4,500.00 principal. The Mechanic Street Covered Bridge note was retired and two years remain on the Parking Lot note.

Temporary Loan and Interest: The cost for borrowing \$225,000.00 in anticipation of tax receipts, cost in interest \$3,093.57. Early payment of taxes, or early part payment, eliminates borrowing short term money resulting in a saving to all.

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS As of December 31, 1973

Parking Lot Notes 3.50%

Amount of Issue	\$10,500.00
Date of Issue	October 10, 1972
Principal Payable Date	October 10
Interest Payable Dates	October 10 & April 10
Payable at	Lancaster Bank Lancaster National Bank

Principal	Interest
\$3,500.00	\$245.00
<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>122.50</u>
\$7,000.00	\$367.50

Sewer Bonds 4.50%

Amount of Issue	\$2,170,000.00
Date of Issue	March 1, 1972
Principal Payable Date	March 1
Interest Payable Dates	March 1 & September 1
Payable at	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.

		Total	
Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
\$ 110,000.00	\$ 90,225.00	\$ 113,500.00	\$ 90,470.00
110,000.00	85,275.00	113,500.00	85,397.50
110,000.00	80,325.00	110,000.00	80,325.00
110,000.00	75,375.00	110,000.00	75,375.00
110,000.00	70,425.00	110,000.00	70,425.00
110,000.00	65,475.00	110,000.00	65,475.00
110,000.00	60,525.00	110,000.00	60,525.00
110,000.00	55,575.00	110,000.00	55,575.00
110,000.00	50,625.00	110,000.00	50,625.00
110,000.00	45,675.00	110,000.00	45,675.00
110,000.00	40,725.00	110,000.00	40,725.00
110,000.00	35,775.00	110,000.00	35,775.00
110,000.00	30,825.00	110,000.00	30,825.00
110,000.00	25,875.00	110,000.00	25,875.00
110,000.00	20,925.00	110,000.00	20,925.00
110,000.00	15,975.00	110,000.00	15,975.00
100,000.00	11,250.00	100,000.00	11,250.00
100,000.00	6,750.00	100,000.00	6,750.00
100,000.00	2,250.00	100,000.00	2,250.00
<u>\$2,060,000.00</u>	<u>\$869,850.00</u>	<u>\$2,067,000.00</u>	<u>\$870,317.50</u>



HALLOWEEN PROGRAM INCLUDING WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST HAS BECOME FIXTURE IN FALL RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

Advertising—Promotional

INFORMATION BOOTH: Soon after the information booth opened its window for business the newspapers were full of glaring headlines of the gasoline shortage, but it turned out to be a good season after all, more vehicles stopped, but fewer people. In 1972 total guest were 11,614 and 1973 the total figure dropped to 11,014. People from every state in the union inquired, a large delegation from Michigan and Ohio and a lot more than usual from overseas.

Mrs. Sheridan, attendant at the booth, reports those patrons were very appreciative of the amount of literature given them, saying it was much more than at the average booth. If all the people framed the covered bridge picture, who had that in mind when they left the booth, you will find them dotted all across the country.

Mrs. Sheridan stated, "I do wish some of our citizens could hear what they (the visitors) have to say about our town and they might decide they have something pretty special here in Lancaster — there is nothing better than seeing through another person's eyes."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: The Chamber continued its efforts to provide town folders for distribution and its promotional programs. Letters received by the Chamber of Commerce from people who have an interest in moving here have increased 50%.

WHITE MOUNTAIN REGION ASSOCIATION: Your Region Association, through its promotional and financial responsibilities, was one of the principal organizers of the White Mountains Art and Music Festival. This Festival has been acclaimed as a truly significant contribution to northern New Hampshire and in 1974, with a much larger budget, the program is expected to expand markedly.

Your Region Association also helped to set up the Hotel-Motel training program at the Waumbek, Jefferson, N. H. Because your Association has for many years promoted the region's hotel-motel industry, the directors felt this training program would effectively compliment these on-going promotional activities. The responsibilities incurred by your Association were: a questionnaire designed to answer "Is there a need for the program" and assistance in employing graduates of the program in the region's hotel-

motel industry. Additionally, your Association set up meetings with hotel-motel owners and managers to work out any problems and to exchange ideas.

Other activities for 1973 included: completion of a canoe and kayak folder (designed for promotional purposes), a State requested survey of flood damage to the private sector of northern New Hampshire's economy, representation at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass., presentation of 4-H awards in Grafton and Coos Counties and annual subscriptions of the 4-H National News Magazine to club leaders, and the annual solicitations of listings for the *New Hampshire Accommodations and Dining Directory* and the *Where to Stay* folder. Additionally, your Association's executive director acted as secretary of the N. H. Council of Region Associations, an organization which works closely with the State's Office of Vacation Travel.

Your Association for its 1973 annual meeting set up a panel discussion on the subject of "Wilderness in the White Mountain National Forest." Panelists included representatives of the N. H. Snowmobile Association, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Society for the Protection of N. H. Forests, Sno-engineering, the wood products industry in northern New Hampshire, the Sierra Club, the State's Bureau of Off-Highway Recreation Vehicles, the U.S. Forest Service and the North Country RC & D Project, Inc.

With regard to legislated matters your Association supported House Bill relative to Open Space. In large part the directors saw this bill as an attempt to help preserve our farmlands here in the region. Furthermore, your Association supported House Bill No. 10 relative to Off-Highway-Vehicles with the exception that the majority of directors felt snowmobilers should ask the permission of the landowners during periods when there is adequate snow cover.

Finally, the executive director spoke on Association activities both on radio and before several chambers of commerce and and rotary clubs in the region.

Inquiries for the year totaled 5,000.

Wrote 27 news releases, 2 newsletters and 140 personal letters.

Ambulance Service

The volunteers of the Lancaster Ambulance Corp. are commended for their dedicated service to their community and the Corp. They not only serve on ambulance runs, but stand by unselfishly many hours prepared to answer any call. Many members of the Corp. undertook additional training to better qualify themselves and offer the public improved service. Of course, all have advanced Red Cross first aid training. The N. H. Emergency Medical Services have under consideration additional training requirements to qualify for a license ambulance attendant.

The Ambulance Corp. made 215 patient calls, these included emergency transfers, accident victims and non-emergency transfers.

Summary of Calls:

108 Lancaster
21 Jefferson
45 Lunenburg, Vt.
2 Guildhall, Vt.
39 Misc. accident and patient transfers of non-residents

Receipts and Disbursements:

Balance Previous (Deficit)	\$ 885.30	
Total receipts Ambulance charge	7,754.80	
Receipts other Town Serv. charges.	<u>950.00</u>	
		\$8,369.50
Total Cash Expenditures	7,190.05	
Non-cash costs	<u>300.00</u>	
		<u>7,490.05</u>
Net.		\$ 879.45

The towns of Jefferson, Lunenburg, and Guildhall contribute to the maintenance and operation of the Ambulance Service, for serving their communities.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 1973

During 1973 the Lancaster Conservation Commission expended its efforts on a project that will hopefully be realized in the coming year.

There is a saying that "Past is Prologue". A prologue is an introduction to something that is about to happen or unfold. It is building the future on the past. Thus, the Commission's objective has been to create something for the future based on Lancaster's past and to make our environmental heritage more meaningful while creating a way to actively enjoy this heritage.

A very important factor in the development of Lancaster was the advent of the railroad. The Town History relates the interesting and, to a great degree, the frustrating story of the railroads in Lancaster's early days. Briefly this story can be summarized by stating that it took more than a quarter of a century of effort to bring railroad service to Lancaster, and many people of that time felt the long delay changed the entire destiny of the town. To quote from the Town History: "Had the effort of 1846 resulted in the building of the proposed (rail) road, there is no room to doubt that Lancaster would today have been one of the most prosperous cities in the State." This statement was made in 1897.

Looking at our town in the light of today's interest in environmental protection and conservation of natural resources perhaps we can be grateful that we were spared the problems of becoming a leading city in the state. However, in 1879 a group of Lancaster men, who were interested in reaching the heavy body of spruce and hardwood timber on the Kilkenney Mountains, and around the foothills, started a company and made plans to build a railroad to market this timber. The final plans were carried out by the Littleton Lumber Co. who secured a new charter in 1887, and built what was known as the Kilkenney Railroad. The road covered a distance of about eleven miles, starting near the rear of the present Summer Street Cemetery and going to the foot of Round Mountain. It was in active use for about four years, and dismantled after a period of about ten years. Today one can follow on foot most of this old railroad right-of-way.

In looking at the broad aspects of conservation the Town Commission has been doing some projecting even as the "Town Fathers" did some 100 years ago. Would not this old railroad bed once again serve the people of Town, this time not to use up our natural resources, but to preserve them for everyone's enjoyment?

Insurance coverage on the Col. Town properties was increased consistent with property evaluation.

Details of the expenditure of funds are listed in the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Leaver, Director of Recreation, reports highlights of the many activities of the year.

As is the custom, flowers were kept on the Col. Town Cemetery Lot throughout the summer months and these were replaced by a winter wreath in the fall.

The Committee wishes to express appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Leaver for the customary satisfactory performance of their duties, as well as other personnel who have served the community in the past year.

NATHALIE B. WHEELER
Secretary

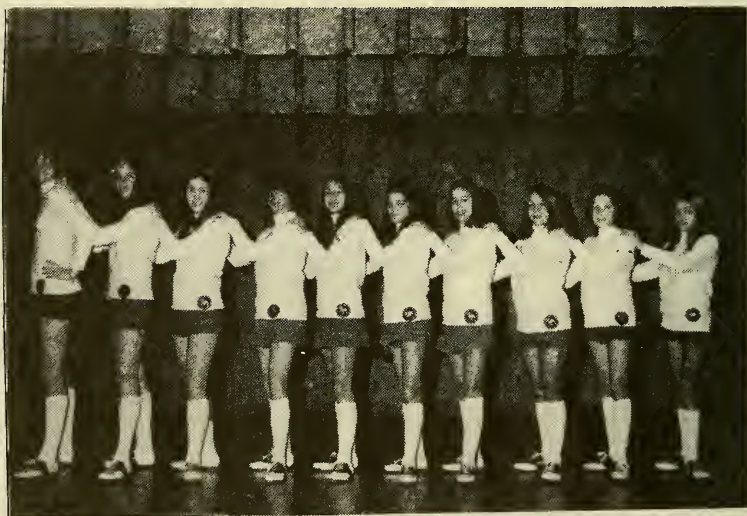


LANCASTER STIHL BABE RUTH TEAM WERE SURPRISED WITH AWARD JACKETS FROM THEIR SPONSOR AT THE AWARDS PICNIC GIVEN BY THEIR PARENTS.

Could not portions of this old right-of-way be set aside and made usable, under proper restrictions, for hikers, horseback riders, bird watchers, wild flower searchers, snow machine riders, or any other purpose that helps to bring man and his environment into a more meaningful relationship?

Our ancestors had to use all the natural resources at their command in order to conquer their environment and survive. Today our survival may yet depend upon how we use our natural resources to bring us relief from the problems which our progress has created. An area such as this, for multi-purpose recreation could truly be a source of re-creation for many.

The Commission has completed its study of the railroad right-of-way and is in the process of seeking cooperation of the owners and abutters. It is its sincere hope that with all necessary legal assurances given to said owners that their cooperation will be given to complete the proposed project.



COL. TOWN JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS COACHED BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CYNTHIA FOSS ARE A WELL DRILLED PEPPY UNIT SUPPORTING THE "A" TEAM TO A REGULAR SEASON 15-1 RECORD.

Colonel Town Spending Committee

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Col. Town Spending Committee is composed of nine members, three of whom are elected annually at the town meeting, to serve three years. The last March meeting re-elected Dr. Carl Yunghans and Ellen Moody. Mrs. Joyce Hall was elected as the third member and Mr. Clifford Rowe was elected to fill the unexpired term of Attorney Robert Rich who resigned after serving one year of his three year term.

At the March meeting of committee, following town meeting, officers elected to serve one year were Dr. Carl Yunghans, Chairman, Mrs. Grace Lee, Treasurer and Mrs. Nathalie Wheeler, Secretary.

Chairman Yunghans appointed the following sub-committees: House Committee: Charles Bennett, Chairman, Mrs. Grace Lee and Nathalie Wheeler; Field Committee, Dr. J. E. Perreault, Chairman, Howard Piche and Joyce Hall; Camp Committee, Dr. Yunghans, Chairman, Clifford Rowe and Ellen Moody; Scholarship Committee, Grace Lee and Clifford Rowe.

Following his resignation from the committee, Attorney Robert Rich reported to the committee in writing his activities in collecting money loaned through the Scholarship Committee. He stated that over \$18,000 had been repaid since 1960. His offer to continue working on the collection of loans was accepted. We wish to express appreciation of his efforts.

The customary four meetings of the general committee were held during the year, as well as numerous sub-committee meetings.

It has realized for some time that plans should be initiated for the construction of a new swimming pool, the original pool being over 25 years old and showing signs of deterioration. Consequently, last year a request was made to the town to include in the town budget the sum of \$5,000 to be used toward the expense of constructing a new pool in the future. This sum was appropriated for this purpose. Dr. Yunghans, Dr. Perreault and Joyce Hall were appointed as an Ad Hoc Committee to get information needed to plan for a new pool. Other interested townspeople will be invited to participate in this project.

Colonel Town Recreation Program

1973 ANNUAL REPORT

The Colonel Town Recreation Department enjoyed a busy and successful 1973. The programs and facilities continue to serve all ages from pre-school through senior adults. Lancaster can be proud of the Col. Town Spending Committee members who continually strive to improve and increase your recreational opportunities for your leisure enjoyment.

The Col. Town Recreation Program is operated from funds derived from the Col. Francis L. Town Trust Fund. The trust fund makes it possible for Lancaster to enjoy facilities and a program comparable to much larger communities. Your "recreation facilities" include the Community House with meeting rooms, a gymnasium and a game room, an athletic field featuring tennis courts, baseball and softball fields, playground, swimming pool and soccer field. The 62 acre Community Camp features two rental cabins, group and family picnic shelters, a large hall plus many outdoor recreational opportunities. The Col. Town skating rink located in front of the elementary school provides ice skating opportunities for the hockey enthusiasts as well as those interested only in recreational skating.

In September 1973, the Col. Town Community Field improvement project received a giant boost when the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program announced that the Lancaster project had been awarded some \$14,000 in matching funds to develop two new all-weather tennis courts, light the softball field, add a backstop for the baseball diamond and add several new pieces of playground equipment. The new equipment has arrived, the tennis courts base work has been done and by early summer 1974 the project will be completed. These new and improved facilities will serve Lancaster for many years to come.

During the year, the Col. Town program continued it's successes in competitions with other communities. The first Col. Town Invitational Wrestling meet was held in February and some 80 wrestlers participated in the day long event. We are especially pleased to share in the growth of this new sport to elementary students with the Lancaster Elementary School. Boys not active in other winter sports have become very excited with the wrestling program under the leadership of Robert Sinclair.

The Lancaster Junior High basketball teams, "A", "B" boys and girls enjoyed successful seasons. The "A" team finished second in the Col. Town Invitational tournament and later won the title in the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club tourney. Lancaster ran off with top honors in the Bob Lowe Little Guys Basketball Tourney for the fifth time in seven years. A junior high cheerleaders contest was held in Lancaster and by the turnout and response was a welcomed new activity which provided the girls with some recognition for their long hours of hard work.

Twenty-two boys journeyed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to take part in a soccer tournament in early June. Although not too successful on the field, the boys gained much from the trip and made lasting friendships with the families they stayed with for the three days. During the summer our hosts in Philadelphia came to Lancaster for some soccer games. They were followed a week later by a team from Toms River, New Jersey enroute to Canada for a tournament. In the fall, the junior high soccer team completed an undefeated season with a pair of wins over two Toms River teams in New Jersey.

The summer of 1973 was especially busy. The swimming pool enjoyed a good season with a fine staff headed by Robert Sinclair and Eleanor Emery. Some 400 boys and girls were involved in the instructional and swim team programs. The playground program conducted weekday mornings catered to the younger children and featured games, crafts, trips and special events. The tennis program continued to thrive with members of the Lancaster Tennis Association providing leadership and instructors for the youth program, adult women's lessons and adult tournaments. The Babe Ruth Baseball team was sponsored by the Hampton Equipment Co. and under the leadership of Coach Jim Hampton won the White Mountain Babe Ruth championship. The Col. Town Little League which is sponsored by local service clubs, Knights of Columbus, VFW, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, enjoyed a full summer of baseball. The Peewee Baseball League players, an instructional program for younger players, proudly wore their colorful team shirts provided by the Lancaster Snowdrifters Club.

The Col. Town Community Camp recorded 5,543 registered visits during the 20 week picnicking season. The formation of a local archery club and the start toward development of an outdoor range at the Camp has exciting possibilities. Residents are encouraged to use the Community Camp facilities often for family and group gatherings. We believe you will enjoy the quiet, friendly atmosphere.

The Community House staff is excited about 1974. The second production by the Col. Town Players under the direction of Domenic Pallaria will be held March 15 and 16. The three-act play entitled "Blithe Spirits" should be funny and entertaining.

The adult theatre group remains open to anyone interested in acting, stage crew, scenery or the many other necessary tasks. A musical production is tentatively scheduled for the fall.

The completion of the Land & Water Fund Community Field project will keep the staff especially busy this spring. A Lancaster Citizen's Pool Committee has been formed and is gearing up to build a new pool in 1975. Concern with the piping under one half of the deck, the crowded conditions at the pool and concern for swimmer safety has prompted the Spending Committee to undertake this project. The support and help of the entire community will be needed to make this project a success.

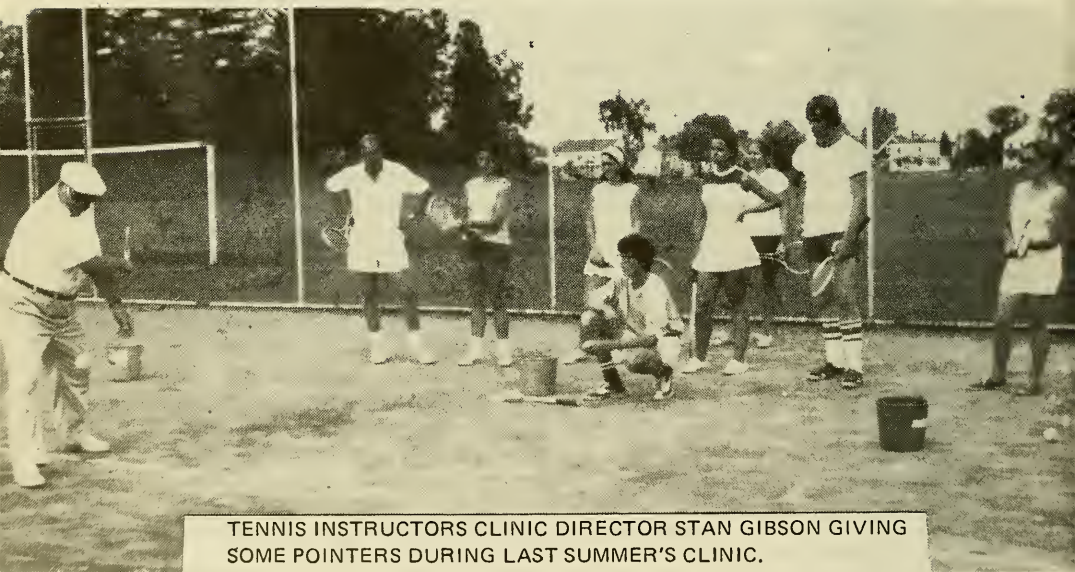
We would like to express our appreciation to the many clubs and organizations and business firms that sponsor programs and special events throughout the year. Their continued interest in youth and programs for youth add the extra element needed for a successful recreation program.

A special thanks to each person who served on the recreation staff during the past year. Their role, whether in leadership or maintenance, played an important part in the successes of the Col. Town Recreation Department.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS F. LEAVER

Superintendent of Recreation



TENNIS INSTRUCTORS CLINIC DIRECTOR STAN GIBSON GIVING SOME POINTERS DURING LAST SUMMER'S CLINIC.

Colonel F.L. Town

Income Spending Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

1973

Checkbook balance 1-1-73		\$ 27,038.25
INCOME:		
Col. Town Trust Fund		62,455.46
House fees	\$ 234.00	
Camp fees	127.27	
Pool fees	<u>2,251.35</u>	
		2,612.62
Tax refund.		29.79
Anonymous gift for tennis court construction		5,000.00
Returned from Scholarship fund .		1,650.00
Town of Lancaster - support of pool		1,500.00
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:		
Play School	3,826.50	
Sale of coke, candy, sports equip.	1,019.45	
Col. Town Players	276.50	
Game room	72.00	
K of C Snowdrifters, Rotary, Kiwanis, VFW, donations for soccer trip, sponsorship of ball teams, etc.	1,030.00	
Dues and fees	170.00	
Babe Ruth tourney	200.00	
Soccer trip refund	50.00	
Penny carnival	65.00	
Bus fees	36.00	
Re-imbursements	124.84	
Trophies	30.15	
Miscellaneous	<u>110.50</u>	
		7,010.94
Checks returned - overpayment		47.81
Insurance adjustment		<u>78.00</u>
		107,422.87
Transfer from Savings A/C		<u>7,000.00</u>
		\$114,422.87

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Siwooganock Gty. Sav. Bank	
Balance 1-1-73.....	\$ 2,135.56
1-10-73 trans from check. a/c ...	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$17,135.56
6-10-73 Trans. to check. a/c	<u>7,000.00</u>
	10,135.56
Interest	<u>693.48</u>
Balance 1-1-74.....	\$10,829.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

Lancaster Girl Scout.....	\$ 200.00	
Week's Mem'l lib. juvenile dept..	<u>1,600.00</u>	\$ 1,800.00
Wages and salaries		29,663.38
Insurance		3,912.25
Capital expenditures		4,721.79
Maintenance, repairs, supplies ...		2,837.47
Heat and utilities		4,152.34
Camp		628.02
Field		3,558.21
Pool		3,047.94
Rink		758.96
Recreation		3,301.00
Special Activities		4,473.37
Taxes withheld, Soc. Sec. taxes		
retirement, Blue Cross - shield.		9,661.52
Miscellaneous.		<u>1,933.43</u>
Total Expenditures.		\$ 74,449.68
Transfer to Savings A/C		15,000.00
Checkbook balance 1-1-74		<u>24,973.19</u>
		\$114,422.87

Colonel Town Scholarship Fund

Balance on hand, December 31, 1972	\$ 490.76
Interest on account	68.82
Payments on loans	<u>1,180.00</u>
	\$1,739.58
Postage and typing	5.00
Repayment to Col. Town Spending Committee	<u>1,650.00</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1973	\$ 84.58
Loans paid off during year	3
Loans outstanding	16

ROBERT C. RICH
Treasurer



LANCASTER WRESTLING TEAM CO-SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ARE ENJOYING A SUCCESSFUL 5-2 SEASON TO DATE.

Report of Trust Fund

Summary of Trust Funds, Principal, Income and Investments Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

ASSETS

Deposits:

Siwooganock Cty. Savings Bank - Sav.	
Accounts	\$130,849.94
Lancaster Nat'l. Bank Check. Acct.	2,808.17
Cash on hand - to be deposited in Cemetery Savings Account	<u>100.00</u>
	\$133,758.11

Bonds:

10,000 - 6¼% Bonds, due 2/15/76.	10,068.75	
5,000 - U.S. Treas. Bonds, due 5/15/76	5,000.00	
3,000 - 6% Treas. Bonds, due 5/15/75	3,028.39	
50,000 - 8¼% Fed. Nat'l. Mortgage Bonds, due 12/10/75.	50,297.92	
10,000 - 7.85% Fed. Nat'l. Mortgage Bonds, due 9/10/74	10,044.06	
2,000 - 4½% Niagara Power Bonds, due 11/1/91	<u>1,997.50</u>	80,436.62

Stocks:

500 - shares Am. Tel. & Tel.	22,435.00	
1,232 - shares Consumers Power	36,934.80	
178 - shares Eaton & Howard Balanced Fund	639.03	
6,539 - shares Eaton & Howard Income Fund	42,581.07	
1,000 - shares Federal Mogul	29,819.00	
4,400 - shares Keystone Custodian Fund	42,636.00	
41 - shares Lancaster Nat'l. Bank	2,975.00	
250 - shares Libbey Owens Ford.	8,715.94	
55 - shares Nation Wide Securities	-0-	
1,500 - shares N.Y. State Gas & Elec.	48,446.65	
2,000 - shares Pacific Tel. & Tel.	34,315.25	
2,000 - shares Phila. Elec. Co.	43,414.00	
68 - shares Puritan Fund	-0-	
2,000 - shares Remington Arms Co.	28,073.35	
6 - shares Siwooganock Guaranty Savings Bank	600.00	
480 - shares South. Cal. Water Co.	<u>3,450.00</u>	345,035.09

TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$559,229.82</u></u>
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LIABILITIES

Blandin Trust Principal	\$ 67,260.72	
Cemetery Trust Principal	173,017.71	
Cemetery Unexpended Income	500.00	
Dennison Principal	6,503.10	
Dennison Unexpended Income	1,097.29	
Dow Trust Principal	5,549.50	
Dow Unexpended Income	748.66	
Historical Trust Principal	922.27	
Library Trust	39,322.37	
School Trust	5,839.20	
Stevens Trust	145,152.05	
Smith Trust	47,510.23	
variation	<u>6.01</u>	
		\$493,429.11

OTHER LIABILITIES

Monahan Nursing Fund	806.71	
Capital Reserve Funds - Town of Lancaster	<u>64,994.00</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>\$559,229.82</u></u>



TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND INCOME AND EXPENSES

Cash on hand 12/31/72 \$ 6,568.29

Receipts:

Income from investments	\$37,318.77	
Sale of bond - to be deposited in sav. account	1,000.00	
Replacement from sav. accts. on pur- chase of stock in 1972	305.36	
Interest on sav. acct. not trans. yet ...	<u>(35.83)</u>	
		<u>38,558.30</u>
		\$45,156.59

Expenditures:

Supplies & Safe Deposit Box	93.23	
Summer Street Cemetery		
Cemetery Trust	13,371.39	
Stevens Trust	<u>12,485.76</u>	
		25,857.15
Rev. J.K. O'Connor, Cemetery.	1,759.21	
Weeks Memorial Library	3,534.63	
Town of Lancaster, Care of Cross Park	334.00	
Historical Committee.	86.07	
Lancaster School	516.41	
Emmons Smith Fund.	4,094.07	
Blandin Fund	<u>6,073.65</u>	
		<u>42,348.42</u>

Cash on hand 12/31/73 \$ 2,808.17



LANCASTER TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S ADULT WOMEN'S CLASS
STOPS TO POSE.

Trust Equities
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	Blandin	Cemetery	Dennison	Dow	Historical	Library	School
Principal Balances							
12/31/72	\$67,288.43	\$169,904.78	\$6,505.85	\$5,551.66	\$992.66	\$39,338.49	\$5,841.56
New Funds dur. '73.		3,000.00					
Loss on sale of Bond	(27.71)	(69.18)	(2.75)	(2.16)	(.39)	(16.12)	(2.36)
Capital Gain		<u>182.11</u>					
Principal Balances							
12/31/73	<u>\$67,260.72</u>	<u>\$173,017.71</u>	<u>\$6,503.10</u>	<u>\$5,549.50</u>	<u>\$922.27</u>	<u>\$39,322.37</u>	<u>\$5,839.20</u>
Unexpended Income							
Balances 12/31/73 .		500.00	1,097.29	748.66			
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	Stevens	Smith					
Principal Balances							
12/31/72	\$145,209.05	\$ 47,529.10					
New Funds dur. '73 .							
Loss on sale of Bond	(57.00)	(18.87)					
Capital Gain							
Principal Balances							
12/31/74	<u>\$145,152.05</u>	<u>\$ 47,510.23</u>					
					Total Principal - Common		\$491,077.15
					Trust Fund		6.01
					Variation		
					Total Unexpended Income		<u>2,345.95</u>
							<u>\$493,429.11</u>

Trust Equities
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
 (Capital Reserve Funds and Monahan Nursing Fund)

	Equipment	Water Dept.	Fire Dept.	Bus Fund
Principal Balances 12/31/72	\$ 9,974.10	\$21,918.44	\$14,172.97	-0-
New funds from Town of Lancaster	12,000.00		2,000.00	2,500.00
Interest Income - Savings Accounts	<u>528.42</u>	<u>1,154.74</u>	<u>719.01</u>	<u>26.32</u>
	<u>\$22,502.52</u>	<u>\$23,073.18</u>	<u>\$16,891.98</u>	<u>\$ 2,526.32</u>
Total Capital Reserve Fund 12/31/73				
				\$64,994.00

MONAHAN NURSING FUND

Principal Balance 12/31/72	\$762.45
Interest Income - Savings Account	<u>44.26</u>
Balance 12/31/73	<u>\$806.71</u>

Report of Audit

All records of the Town, including the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, District Court, Col. F. L. Town Fund, Weeks Memorial Library, Town Cemetery and all Trust Funds are audited each year by the Municipal Accounting Division of the State Tax Commission.

The audit material is not included in this report due to the time schedule of completing the audit and getting material to the printer. The necessary statements will be published in the next annual report. The audit, when received, will be on file at the Town Office and may be examined upon request.

You will find the classified statement of receipts and expenditures, accounting of the Treasurer and the capital project funds, also a summary of the tax warrants included with the report.

The auditors statements that follow are those for 1972, which were not available for printing in last years report.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Lancaster for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audits must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Borad of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, District Court, Colonel F. L. Town Fund, Weeks Memorial Library, Summer Street Cemetery and Bi-Centennial Committee Fund.

The accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds for the fiscal year 1972 had not been completed prior to the complet.on of this audit. Therefore, these accounts were not audited during the

course of our examination. These records will be examined by this Division at a later date, and a supplemental report of the condition of the Trust Funds at December 31, 1972 will be submitted to your Board.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets — December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972: (Exhibit a-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972 are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the current surplus of the Town decreased by \$32,871.03, from \$33,757.17 at December 31, 1971 to \$886.14 at December 31, 1972.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of change in current financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Current Surplus:

Net Budget Deficit	\$19,938.52	
Surplus Used to Reduce		
Tax Rate	<u>14,960.00</u>	\$34,898.52

Increase in Current Surplus:

Increase in Accounts		
Receivable (Net)	<u>2,027.49</u>	
Net Decrease in Current Surplus		<u>\$32,871.03</u>

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures
Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 & A-4)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$31,678.78 less a revenue surplus of \$11,740.26 resulted in a net budget deficit of \$19,938.52.

Capital Projects Fund

Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972: (Exhibit A-5)

Comparative Balance Sheets showing the financial condition of the Capital Projects Fund as of December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972 are presented in Exhibit A-5.

Long Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972: (Exhibit A-6)

Comparative Balance Sheets showing the outstanding long term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972 are contained in Exhibit A-6. Bonds in the amount of \$2,170,000.00 were issued during the fiscal year.

Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-7)

A statement showing annual debt service requirements (principal and interest) as of December 31, 1972, is presented in Exhibit A-7.

TREASURER

General Fund:

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A classified statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1972, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

Capital Projects Funds:

E.D.A. and E.P.A. Sewer Projects Funds: (Exhibit B-3 & B-4)

Statements showing the activity in the above accounts during 1972 are presented in Exhibits B-3 and B-4.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charge with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records. Consequently, the amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Overdraft of Appropriations and Application of the Municipal Budget Law:

As disclosed in the comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures (Exhibit A-3), there was a net overdraft of budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$26,808.80 during 1972, computed as follows:

Overdrafts of Town Appropriations	\$43,948.62
Unexpended Balances of Town Appropriations	<u>17,139.82</u>
Net Overdraft of Budgetary Appropriations	\$26,808.80

This overdraft resulted in a violation of the Municipal Budget Law (R.S.A. Chapter 32), the provisions of which have been adopted by the Town of Lancaster.

Under this law, the Board of Selectmen or other expending agency may not agree to pay any money or incur any liability involving the expenditures of money for any purpose for which an appropriation has not been made in the budget or in excess of the total amount appropriated by the Town in any one year.

When an unusual circumstance arises during the year which makes it necessary to expend money in excess of an appropriation or appropriations which may result in an over expenditure (overdraft) of the total amount appropriated for all purposes, or when no appropriation has been made, the Selectmen, with the written approval of the Budget Committee, upon application to the Tax Commission may be given authority to make such expenditure or expenditures. Such application must be made prior to the making of such expenditure or expenditures; provided however, that the Tax Commission may accept an application after an expenditure, if caused by a sudden or unexpected emergency.

The records do not indicate that the procedures outlined above were complied with in this instance. The purpose of the Municipal Budget Law is to control the appropriation and expenditure of money in municipalities. When its provisions are not adhered to, the law becomes ineffectual.

Water Department:

General Accounting System Again Recommended:

The existing accounting system of the municipal Water Department is inadequate in that it does not reflect accurately the actual financial condition of the department at the end of each fiscal period or the results of operations. This is because the accounting records consist essentially of accounts receivable records and summary records of receipts and expenditures. Plant, property and other proprietary accounts are kept on a cash basis. This method of accounting does not disclose operating results properly, because revenues are recorded only when received, and expenses are recognized only when paid.

The accounts of the Water Department should be operated as an entity separate from other municipal activities. Accounting and management controls should be established and maintained not only over unpaid water rents, but over all other resources and assets of the Department. The accounting system should provide for the evaluation of the results of operations. Depreciation expense, which is a major expense factor in utility operations, should be taken into consideration in determining annual operating expenses.

To accomplish this, it is again recommended that a complete general accounting system be adopted to record the fiscal affairs of the department. This system should conform closely to those recommended for enterprise funds of this nature. In addition, the books should be kept on an accrual basis, i.e., revenues should be recorded when earned and expenditures when incurred. Thus, financial statements issued thereafter will disclose true operating results and a correct financial condition at the close of each accounting period. In addition, accounting and management controls will be improved.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Section 27, Chapter 71, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, require that the auditor's summary of findings and recommendations (Letter of Transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this report is optional, but this letter must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Lancaster and their office staff for their assistance during the course of this audit.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Lancaster for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Lancaster at December 31, 1972, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE
Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission



INSTRUCTOR BOB BELMORE WORKING WITH A GROUP OF SOCCER HOPEFULS DEMONSTRATING JUGGLING DURING THE SUMMER INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER PROGRAM.

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

RECEIPTS:

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes

Current Year

Property Taxes	\$710,800.02	
Resident Taxes	10,910.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes . .	1,316.80	
Yield Taxes	<u>246.99</u>	\$723,273.81

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	84,441.45	
Resident Taxes	3,173.50	
Head Taxes	5.00	
Poll Taxes	<u>2.00</u>	87,621.95

Interest on Delinquent Taxes .	6,047.11	
Resident Tax Penalties	367.00	
Head Tax Penalty50	
Tax Sales Redeemed	<u>36,681.27</u>	\$ 853,991.64

From State of New Hampshire:

Town Road Aid	3,908.15	
Highway Subsidy	19,275.84	
Interest and Dividends Tax . .	23,117.04	
Railroad Tax	908.36	
Savings Bank Tax	4,359.04	
Reimb. a/c State & Fed.		
Forest Lands	1,413.99	
State Aid for Water Pollution		
Projects	134,711.00	
National Forest Reserve	70.86	
Road Toll Refunds	1,951.11	
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assis. . . .	1,378.67	
Meals and Rooms Tax	17,766.58	
Business Profits Tax	93,647.32	
Other	<u>1,039.56</u>	303,547.52

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees . . .	45,819.28	
Dog Licenses	855.80	
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing		
Fees	1,043.50	
Fines & Forfeits - District		
Court	13,717.36	
Rent of Property & Equip. . .	3,235.50	
Interest Received & Deposits .	526.02	
Income From Trust Funds . . .	334.00	

Income From Departments:

Health (Ambulance Fees) . . .	\$ 6,974.50	
Planning Board	3,600.00	
Police Department	<u>49.00</u>	\$ 7,383.50
Income from Park. Meters . . .		4,388.75
Sale of Materials, Supplies, etc.		1,098.71
Interest Earned on Bond Issues		34,831.12
Town Forest - Sale of Timber	<u>7,012.50</u>	<u>\$ 120,246.04</u>
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$1,277,785.20

Receipts Other Than Current Revenues:

Proceeds of Town Anticipation Notes	225,000.00
Insurance Adjustments	424.50

Grants from USA:

Revenue Sharing.	60,280.00	
Interest on Revenue Sharing Deposits	1,414.98	
Governor's Comm. on Crime & Del.	4,036.00	
Emergency Employ. Act Funds	<u>7,578.83</u>	73,309.81

Accounts Receivable:

From Sewer Construction Funds	111,706.17	
General.	<u>2,969.70</u>	114,675.87
Old Checks Cancelled		156.00

Appropriation Credits:

Town Officers Salaries	1,660.00	
Town Hall & Buildings Maint.	32.00	
Fire Department	1,163.43	
Sewer Department	781.31	
Town Maintenance	4,089.44	
Recreation	3,260.18	
Emp. Retire. & Soc. Sec.	7,401.51	
Emp. Hosp. Insurance	1,088.89	
Town Office Admin. Exp.	<u>668.50</u>	20,145.26

Receipts other Than Current Revenues:**Appropriations Credit:**

Town Officer's Salaries . . .	1,660.00
Town Officers Expenses . .	668.50
Town Hall & Bldg. Maint. .	32.00
Fire Department	1,163.43
Sewer Maintenance	781.31
Town Maintenance	4,089.44
Recreation	3,260.18

Employ. Retire. & S. S. . . .	\$ 7,401.51	
Emp. Hosp. Insurance	<u>1,088.89</u>	\$ 20,145.26
Advances		
Water Department	6,454.09	
Sewer Department	<u>1,000.00</u>	7,454.09
Total Receipts Other Than		
Current Revenues		<u>\$ 441,165.53</u>
Total Receipts from all Sources		1,718,950.73
Balance January 1, 1973 . . .		<u>216,908.14</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u><u>\$1,935,168.94</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 22,849.73	
Town Office Admin. Exp. . . .	9,199.70	
Election and Regis. Exp. . . .	505.50	
District Court Expenses	6,280.00	
Town Hall & Bldgs. Maint. . .	13,070.75	
Reappraisal of Town Property	<u>5,604.41</u>	\$ 57,510.09

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	49,510.53	
Parking Meters	5,331.35	
Fire Dept., incl. Forest Fires .	11,124.67	
Planning and Zoning.	660.37	
Insurance	9,287.00	
Bounties	<u>.50</u>	75,914.42

Health & Sanitation:

Health Dept., incl. Ambulance	17,273.25	
Vital Statistics	329.50	
Sewer Maintenance.	5,154.71	
Dump & Garbage Collection. .	<u>6,883.40</u>	29,640.86

Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	898.12	
Town Maintenance	111,904.67	
Street Lighting	<u>12,357.58</u>	125,160.37
Libraries		13,197.82

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	13,550.09	
Town Poor	<u>1,250.28</u>	14,800.37

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day.		300.00
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Recreation:

Parks & Playgrounds.		11,519.96
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	\$ 2,500.00	
Airports	<u>1,000.00</u>	\$ 3,500.00

Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expense . . .	2,051.65	
Adv. & Reg. Assoc.	6,113.99	
Taxes Bought by Town	36,901.36	
Emp. Retire. & Soc. Sec.	16,381.07	
Emp. Hosp. Insurance	3,402.18	
Contingency Fund	1,037.50	
Emergency Employment Act Fund	8,777.41	
Governor's Com. on Crime & Delinquency	3,724.19	

Abatements and Refunds:

Property Taxes	\$ 12,148.91	
Motor Vehicle Permit fees . . .	<u>101.66</u>	
	<u>12,250.57</u>	90,639.92

Interest:

On Tax Anticipation Note . . .	3,093.57	
On Bonded Debt	95,175.00	
On Long Term Notes	<u>415.00</u>	98,683.57

Principal of Debt:

Tax Anticipation Note Paid . .	225,000.00	
Bonds Paid	110,000.00	
Long Term Notes Paid	<u>4,500.00</u>	339,500.00

Capital Outlay:

New Equipment	20,595.27	
Parking Lot Paving	2,175.00	
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	<u>12,500.00</u>	35,270.27

Payments to Other Gov. Div.:

State of New Hampshire

Resident Taxes	4,555.53	
2% Bond & Debt Retire. Tax . .	<u>13.36</u>	4,568.89
County Tax		46,127.45
School District Tax:		
1972-73	430,000.00	
1973-74	<u>260,000.00</u>	
	<u>690,000.00</u>	741,196.34

Advances:

Water Department	7,827.95	
Sewer Department	<u>1,000.00</u>	8,827.95

Total Expenditures for all Purposes		\$1,645,661.94
Balance December 31, 1973. .		<u>290,196.93</u>

GRAND TOTAL	-78-	<u><u>\$1,935,168.94</u></u>
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GENERAL FUND
Comparative Balance
As of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973

ASSETS:	December 31, 1972	December 31, 1973
Cash:		
General Fund	\$216,908.14	\$290,196.93
Change & Petty Cash		
Funds	145.00	145.00
200th Anniv. Fund . .	298.75	314.48
With Fiscal Agent . .	<u>225.00</u>	
	\$217,576.89	
Capital Reserve Funds .	47,565.51	
Accounts Due Town:		
From State:		
Disaster Relief Act		
Funds		1,505.03
Land & Water Conser.		3,260.18
	.50	.50
From Other Sources:		
Uncol. Water Meter		
Rents	8,800.28	
Due from Capital		
Project Funds . . .	111,862.17	
Accts. Rec. - General	3,907.05	4,790.97
Due from Water Dept.	<u> </u>	1,373.86
	124,570.00	
Unredeemed Taxes . . .	33,228.35	\$ 31,536.92
Uncollected Taxes . . .	94,866.80	105,697.27
Uncol. State Head Taxes	<u>72.70</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$517,880.25	\$438,821.14

LIABILITIES AND CURRENT SURPLUS
December 31, 1972 - December 31, 1973

Approp. Forwarded . . .	\$ 11,677.24	\$ 2,414.91
Matured Interest Payable	225.00	
Revenuary Sharing Funds:		
Appropriated		\$ 7,175.00
Unappropriated	<u>\$ 22,456.00</u>	<u>19,370.76</u>
	22,456.00	26,545.76
Yield Tax Sec. Dep. . . .	75.00	75.00
Deferred Income		7,012.50
200th Anniv. Fund. . . .	298.75	314.48
Due State of New Hampshire:		
Resident Taxes:		
Uncollected	1,891.98	
Col. - Not Remitted.	2,705.85	

2% Bond & Debt Retire. Taxes:

Uncollected	\$ 44.42	\$ 45.00	
Collected	<u>9.36</u>	<u>43.16</u>	
	\$ 4,696.61		\$ 88.16
School Dist. Tax Payable	430,000.00		401,009.22
Capital Reserve Funds .	<u>47,565.51</u>		437,460.03
Total Liabilities	\$516,994.11		
Current Surplus	<u>886.14</u>		1,361.11
Total Liabilities and Current Surplus	\$517,880.25		



CONNECTICUT VALLEY SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPION BELANGER
OLDS PROUDLY DISPLAY THEIR TROPHY.

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
GENERAL FUND**

**Summary of Treasurer's Accounts and Proof Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973**

Balance - Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 216,908.14	
Receipts during year (over)	<u>1,718,950.73</u>	\$1,935,858.87
Expenditures during year (over).		<u>1,645,661.94</u>
Balance December 31, 1973. . . .		\$290,196.93

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Lancaster Nat'l Bank.		\$ 193,915.39	
Per State. Dec. 31, 1973			
Add: Deposits of:			
January 4, 1974	\$ 8,263.70		
January 8, 1974	<u>10,824.20</u>		
		<u>19,087.90</u>	
		213,003.29	
Less: Outstanding Checks.		<u>21,352.12</u>	
		\$ 191,651.17	
Add: Certificates of Deposit -			
Lancaster National Bank			
4½ No. 288 Mat. Mar. 5, 1974 . .	\$ 12,675.00		
4½ No. 289 Mat. Mar. 6, 1974 . .	20,000.00		
4½ No. 290 Mat. Mar. 6, 1974 . .	50,000.00		
4½ No. 299 Mat. Mar. 31, 1974 .	<u>13,870.76</u>		
		<u>\$ 96,545.76</u>	
			\$288,196.93

PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Bal. in Lancaster Nat'l Bank. . . .		\$ 9,032.79	
Per State. Dec. 31, 1973			
Less:			
Outstanding Checks.	\$ 7,008.49		
Outstanding Wage Attachment	<u>24.30</u>		
(paid in '74)		<u>7,032.79</u>	
			<u>2,000.00</u>
Reconciled Balance - Dec. 31, 1973			\$290,196.93
Gross Expenditures		\$1,905,542.97	
Less: Inv. of C.D.'s		255,201.01	
Checks deposited to Gn. Fund in			
Error due Water Dept.	98.59		
Receipts deposited in error . .		<u>4,680.02</u>	
		\$1,645,661.94	

Gross Receipts	\$1,944,742.00
Less: Inv. of C.D.	221,111.25
Checks Deposited in Gen. Fund in error due Water Dept. (on above)	<u>4,680.02</u>
	\$1,718,950.73

GENERAL FUND

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Current Surplus - December 31, 1973 .	\$ 1,361.11	
Current Surplus - December 31, 1972 .	<u>886.14</u>	
Increase in Current Surplus		<u>\$ 474.97</u>

Analysis of Change

Increases in Current Surplus:		
Net Budget Surplus		\$11,452.77
Decreases in Current Surplus:		
Tax Liens Trans. to deeds	\$ 1,492.67	
Water Rents trans. to Water Dept. Fund	8,600.28	
Uncoll. Accts. Rec. Charge Off.	<u>684.85</u>	
		<u>10,977.80</u>
Net Charge		<u>\$ 474.97</u>

STATEMENT OF TOWN CLERKS ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:			
1972 Permits	\$ 759.08		
1973 Permits	43,635.75		
1974 Permits	<u>1,424.45</u>		
		\$45,819.28	
Dog Licenses Issued:			
318 @ \$2.00	636.00		
24 @ \$5.00	120.00		
1 Kennel	10.00		
Miscellaneous	<u>14.80</u>		
	780.80		
75 Penalties @ \$1.00	<u>75.00</u>	855.80	
Filing Fees		<u>3.00</u>	
			<u>\$46,678.08</u>
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		45,819.28	
Dog Licenses		855.80	
Filing Fees		<u>3.00</u>	
			<u>\$46,678.08</u>

SUMMARY OF SEWER RENTS ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Sewer Rents Committed to Collector		\$4,543.03
Sewer Rents Collected	\$3,410.78	
Allowance for Vacancies	29.60	
Uncollected Sewer Rents - Dec. 31, 1973.	<u>1,102.65</u>	<u>\$4,543.03</u>



TRACKMAN MICHAEL MONAHAN COMPETING FOR THE WINNING LANCASTER TEAM DURING THE ANNUAL NORTH COUNTRY RECREATION DEPARTMENTS SUMMER TRACK & FIELD MEET.

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

DEBIT	1973	Prior Years
Uncol. Taxes - Jan. 1, 1973:		
Property Taxes.....		\$90,403.84
Poll Taxes.....		100.70
Yield Taxes.....		230.56
Resident Taxes.....		4,204.40
TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:		
Property Taxes.....	\$813,292.51	
Resident Taxes.....	15,750.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes ..	1,325.90	
Yield Taxes.....	328.32	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes.....	153.13	158.44
Resident Taxes.....	120.00	140.00
National Bank Stock Taxes ..	24.90	
Resident Tax Penalties.....	50.00	317.00
Interest Collected.....	35.78	2,160.11
	<u>\$831,080.04</u>	<u>\$97,715.55</u>
CREDIT		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes.....	\$710,800.02	\$84,441.45
Resident Taxes.....	10,910.00	3,173.50
Poll Taxes.....		7.00
National Bank Stock Taxes ..	1,316.80	
Yield Taxes.....	246.99	
Interest.....	35.28	2,160.11
Resident Tax Penalties.....	50.00	317.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes.....	2,316.28	6,104.81
Resident Taxes.....	430.00	653.00
Poll Taxes.....		93.70
Yield Taxes.....	4.88	
Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1973:		
Property Taxes.....	100,329.34	16.02
Resident Taxes.....	4,530.00	517.90
National Bank Stock Taxes ..	34.00	
Yield Taxes.....	39.45	230.56
	<u>\$831,080.04</u>	<u>\$97,715.55</u>

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

	Levies of:			
	1972	1971	1970	1969
Unredeemed Taxes -				
January 1, 1973.		\$22,767.68	\$10,073.31	\$387.36
Tax Sale of Apr. 3, '73	\$36,901.36			
Int. and Costs after				
Sale	<u>344.23</u>	<u>1,358.07</u>	<u>2,114.82</u>	<u>34.60</u>
	<u>\$37,245.59</u>	<u>\$24,125.75</u>	<u>\$12,188.13</u>	<u>\$421.96</u>
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Redemptions . . .	\$15,689.58	\$11,862.78	\$ 8,935.94	\$192.97
Interest and Costs	344.23	1,358.07	2,114.82	34.60
Abatements Allowed		33.74	385.11	
Deeded to Town. . .	284.94	430.79	582.55	194.39
Unredeemed Taxes -				
Dec. 31, 1973 . .	<u>20,926.84</u>	<u>10,440.37</u>	<u>169.71</u>	<u> </u>
	\$37,245.59	\$24,125.75	\$12,188.13	\$421.96

E.D.A. SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Balance - Jan. 1, 1973	\$196,926.66	
Receipts During Year:		
Interest Earned on Investments	<u>1,331.51</u>	
Total Amounts Available	\$198,258.17	
Expenditures During Year:		
General Contract	\$ 29,071.70	
Legal Expense	2,600.00	
Land Easements	120.57	
Miscellaneous	55.00	
Transfers:		
To E.P.A. Sewer Cons. Fund .	125,000.00	
To Town of Lancaster Gen. Fd.	<u>20,795.75</u>	
Total Expenditures	<u>177,643.02</u>	
Balance - December 31, 1973 . . .		<u><u>\$20,615.15</u></u>

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Lancaster National Bank	\$ 20,697.97	
Per Statement - Dec. 31, 1973		
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>82.82</u>	
Reconciled Balance - Dec. 31, 1973		<u><u>\$20,615.15</u></u>

E.P.A. SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973

Balance - Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 150,989.67	
Receipts During Year:		
E.P.A. Federal Grant . . .	\$1,514,700.00	
N.E. Reg. Com. Grant . .	40,000.00	
Trans. from E.P.A. Sewer		
Const. Fund	125,000.00	
Int. Earned on Invest. . .	31,357.02	
Refunds.	43.26	
		<u>\$1,711,100.28</u>
Total Amount Available. . .		\$1,862,089.95
Expenditures During Year:		
General Contract	880,880.50	
Engineering Fees	94,993.87	
Legal Fees	1,900.00	
Land Easements.	1,203.80	
Repay. of Adv. to Dept.		
of Hous. & Urban Dev.	29,520.50	
Miscellaneous.	80.00	
Trans. to Town of		
Lancaster - Gen. Fd. .	125,741.54	
		<u>1,134,320.21</u>
Total Expenditures.		<u>\$727,769.74</u>
Balance - December 31, 1973		<u>\$727,769.74</u>

PROOF OF BALANCE

Bal. in Boston Safe Deposit		
& Trust Co., Boston, Mass.,		
- Per State. Dec. 31, 1973. .	\$ 633,108.62	
Less: Outstand. Checks . . .	5,338.88	
		<u>627,769.74</u>
Add: Certificate of Deposit		
No. 2621 held by Guaranty		
Bank & Trust Co. due		
Jan. 14, 1973 @ 9.25%. . . .	100,000.00	
		<u>100,000.00</u>
Reconciled Balance - Dec. 31, 1973		<u>\$727,769.74</u>

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973**

Receipts During Year:

Sewer Renter Fees.....	\$3,410.78
Sewer Entrance Fee.....	50.00
Transfer from General Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Amount Available.....	\$4,460.78
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Expenditures During Year:

Labor.....	1,696.65
Material and Supplies.....	245.83
Office Supplies	402.05
Utilities	236.33
Miscellaneous.....	25.30
Transfer to General Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>3,606.16</u>

Balance December 31, 1973.....	<u><u>\$854.62</u></u>
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PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Lancaster Nat'l Bank Per Statement - Dec. 31, 1973.....	\$2,373.60	
Add: Deposit of January 2, 1974	<u>295.25</u>	
	2,668.85	
Less: Outstanding Checks (over)	<u>1,814.23</u>	
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1973.		<u><u>\$854.62</u></u>

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
SEWER DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 1973**

Assets	December 31, 1973
Cash	\$ 854.62
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,102.65</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$1,957.27</u></u>
Retained Earnings	\$1,957.27



THE COL. TOWN SOCCER TEAM AT THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. ENROUTE HOME FROM THE PHILADELPHIA TOURNAMENT.

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
REVENUE SHARING FUND**

**Statement of Revenue Expenditures, Encumbrances and Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973**

Fund Balance - Jan. 1, 1973		\$22,456.00	
Revenue During Year:			
Entitlement Payments	\$60,280.00		
Interest earned on Invested			
Funds	<u>1,414.98</u>	<u>61,694.98</u>	
Total Amount Available		\$84,150.98	
Expenditures During Year:			
Operating & Maintenance Expenses:			
Public Safety	14,275.00		
Public Transportation	22,175.00		
Financial Administration	559.95		
Capital Expenditures:			
Multipurpose & Gen. Gov. . .	20,595.27		
Encumbered December 31, 1973			
Town Hall Boilers	5,000.00		
Parking Lot Paving	<u>2,175.00</u>		
Total Expenditures Encumbered		<u>64,780.22</u>	
Unappropriated Balance - Dec. 31, 1973			\$19,370.76

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
WATER DEPARTMENT**

**Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973**

Receipts During Year:

Water Rents.	\$33,897.03
Sale of Materials and Supplies . . .	206.00
Other.	193.59
Transfers from General Fund. . . .	<u>2,361.54</u>

Total Amount Available. \$36,658.16

Expenditures During Year:

Adminis. & Clerical Salaries.	8,017.09
Wages	13,655.45
Material and Supplies.	5,140.56
Chlorinator	1,119.52
Dams and Basins	141.30
Equipment Hire.	36.00
Truck Expense.	52.52
Soc. Sec. & Retire. Taxes.	1,964.02
Stationery, Printing & Supplies . .	95.26
Miscellaneous.	29.30
Transfer to General Fund	<u>987.68</u>

31,238.70

Balance - December 31, 1973. \$5,419.46

PROOF OF BALANCE

Bal. in Lancaster Nat'l Bank

Per Statement - Dec. 31, 1973. . . \$ 5,836.94

Add: Deposit of:

January 2, 1974.	\$ 490.32
January 8, 1974.	<u>5,369.96</u>

5,860.27

11,697.21

Less: Outstanding Checks (over) . . . 6,277.75

Reconciled Balance Dec. 31, 1973. . . \$5,419.46

Advanced to Water Department

Per Gen. Fund (incl. wages paid direct) \$ 7,827.95

Receipts for Water - from Gen. Fnd. 2,361.54

Bills Paid Direct from General Fund \$ 5,466.41

Paid to Lancaster Gen. Fund

Check No. 105

No. 116

No. 126

No. 213

\$ 334.13 Exp.

349.80 Refunded

303.75

5,466.41

\$6,454.09

Per General Fund

\$7,827.95

6,454.09

\$1,373.86

Rec.

Refunded

Per Water

\$2,361.54

987.68

\$1,373.86



THE SEWER LAGOONS – SHOWING FOUR CELLS, EACH ARE 5 ACRES IN SIZE. THE OVER FLOW STRUCTURES MAY BE FOUND NEAR THE CENTER.

TOWN OF LANCASTER
WATER DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 1973

ASSETS	December 31, 1973
Cash	\$5,419.46
Accounts Receivable	<u>6,170.03</u>
Total Assets	\$11,589.49
 LIABILITIES and RETAINED EARNINGS	
Special Appropriations:	
Water Mains Construction	\$3,000.00
Due General Fund	<u>1,373.86</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,373.86
Retained Earnings	<u>7,215.63</u>
Total Liabilities and Retained Earnings	<u><u>\$11,589.49</u></u>

TOWN OF LANCASTER

BOX 151

LANCASTER, N. H. 03584

BULK RATE
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
LANCASTER, N. H.
PERMIT NO. 65

FIRE TELEPHONE 788-4830

FIRE CALL BOXES

- 12 Main St., near Old Cemetery
- 13 Corner Main and Railroad Sts.
- 14 Corner Main and North Main Sts.
- 15 Corner North Main and Kilkenny Sts.
- 16 Corner Causeway and Summer Sts.
- 21 Corner Main and Mechanic Sts. and All Rural Areas
- 22 Corner Pleasant and Portland Sts.
- 23 Corner Williams and Prospect St.
- 24 Prospect St., near Mary Elizabeth Inn
- 25 Corner Elm, Burnside and Winter Sts.
- 26 Corner Elm, Water and Williams Sts.
- 27 Prospect Park
- 28 Portland St., near Dr. Blodgett's
- 31 Corner Summer and Wolcott Sts.
- 32 Corner Railroad and Depot Sts., B & M Crossing
- 33 Corner High and Summer Sts.
- 34 Corner Summer and Middle Sts.
- 35 Corner Middle and Wesson Sts.
- 36 Corner Middle, Hill and Mechanic Sts.
- 37 North Road, (beyond Hospital)
- 41 Thompson Manufacturing Co.
- 42 Corner Main and Middle Sts., near Chesley's
- 43 Corner Main and Park Sts., near Hickey Block
- 44 WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- 45 High School Building
- 51 Bunker Hill St., by M.C.R.R. Crossing
- 52 Top of Bunker Hill St.
- 55 Red Cross — CD Emergency First Aid
- 66 Assistance to Other Towns
- 2 Chimney Fire
- 333 National Guard

7-7 7:30 a. m. — All schools closed entire day

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SIGNALS

- Alert Signal — Steady Blast, 3 minutes
- Take Cover Signal — Short Blast, 3 minutes
- All Clear — 30 second Blast — 2 minutes silence; repeated